

Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
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Dear Parishioners

Our church of Holy Trinity Metcalfe is planning to start holding in-person worship services on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> will be held over Zoom and there will be **no service Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**.

We are working within the requirements of the Diocese of Ottawa's COVID-19 Plan. All steps will be taken to ensure that anyone who decides to return will hopefully feel comfortable gathering in person to worship. For those who are not yet ready to return, we will be trying to provide a Zoom option for joining on Sunday mornings. If that doesn't work, we hope to record the service and post it on YouTube just as we are currently doing.

Following are the steps that we ALL must follow in order to be able to worship together. Many are the same as last fall but there are some changes.

If you feel sick in any way, please STAY HOME.

You must wear a mask and it must remain over your nose and mouth at all times other than being briefly removed for the Eucharist.

We will need to maintain social distancing inside the church. Please try to stay 2 metres apart from those not in your bubble. If you wish to visit, we ask that you do that outside the church before or after the service.

Upon arrival, we will ask you to sanitize your hands at the door, to register for contact tracing and then proceed to the next available seat closest to the front of the church. The pews will be marked to identify where you can sit in order to maintain physical distancing. We ask that you take the next available seat as we want to avoid having people pass each other in the aisle as much as possible.

There will be no singing, but we will have music.

There can be no touching before, during or after the service. We will continue to share the peace from our pews without any physical contact.

The order of service will be projected onto the wall. Service books will be available in the pews if you prefer to follow along with a book.

We will only have wafers during the Eucharist. It will be brought to you in the pew. We ask that you leave your mask on when receiving the wafer, then ensure that the minister has moved 2 metres away from you before you remove your mask to consume the wafer. You should then immediately put your mask back on. If you don't want to receive communion yet, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that to Rev. Gerry.

The offering plate will not be passed, but will be set on a table in the aisle to receive your offerings. We encourage you to continue donating online or by cheque if possible.

Sanitizing wipes will be available at the washroom for you to wipe all touch surfaces such as the door handle, light switches, soap dispenser button, paper towel dispenser, push bar, taps and toilet flush handle before you use them, if you wish. **The wipes are not flushable and will need to go in the garbage.**

After the service is over, we will not be shaking Reverend Gerry's hand on the way out. The people in the back pews will need to leave first. We will depart in the opposite direction of our arrival. Please continue to maintain physical distancing as we leave.

The re-opening of our Church once again will be a time of trial and error and will change as the situation in the Diocese changes. We will be following all of the requirements of the Diocese of Ottawa's COVID-19 Plan. We appreciate your patience once again as we all work together to keep our space safe. We welcome you to share your concerns and suggestions with Reverend Gerry or either of the Wardens at any time.

Take care. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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