

# Further Relaxing of our Covid precautions

## May 2022



**Stretton Parish**

Following recent guidelines from the Church of England, and the reducing levels of Covid in our local community, it has been decided that in all three churches across the Parish communion will now be offered in both kinds.

Wine will be offered in the shared cup, according to canon law, though it is up to each individual whether to receive the wine, there is no expectation or obligation. If you wish to continue to receive communion in one kind, then that is acceptable. However, intinction - i.e. dipping of the wafer into the wine by the celebrant or communicant - is not permitted for reasons of hygiene.

In addition, **the wearing of a face mask in our buildings is now a personal choice.**

However, out of consideration to those who feel vulnerable (1 Cor 12:12-27) :

- **Sanitiser will continue to be available.**
- **Good ventilation before and during services will continue.**
- **A 'zoned area' will be provided in each church, near an open door/window, where the seats will continue to be social distanced, and masks worn at all times.**

Please do ask the welcomers where this area is.

All are welcome to our services, though out of consideration and love for each other, we ask that **if you feel unwell, or have tested positive for Covid, you remain at home** and invite you to watch our online service.

These measures are put in place prayerfully and thoughtfully in love for one another and I thank you all for your continued understanding and support. We go forward with Him, 'who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine'.

Rev'd Steve Johnson