

St. Paul Anglican Church – Re-Opening August 2021

What Can I Expect When I Come to Church?

- Services will resume August 15th: 8 am BCP Communion Service and 1030 am Eucharist Service. The Wednesday Mid-Week Service will resume weekly in September.
- If you are unwell, PLEASE STAY HOME! Symptoms are listed on the door of the church. Please do not come in if you have any symptoms.
- We no longer are required to pre-register, but you will need to sign in at the door after sanitizing your hands. A Greeter will meet you at the glass doors off of the parking lot where we will continue to have access into the church. The front door of the church will remain closed for now.
- **You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as much as possible when indoors.**
- Occupancy of worship space is about 50 people for the time being. Our plan is to open slowly and carefully. Please continue to remain in your own family unit or bubble in each pew. Try to spread out in the worship space to allow for physical and safe distancing.
- The two washrooms on the church level are available. Only one person at a time in each washroom.
- There will be individual bulletins on the table in the narthex along with the offering plate where you can place your offering as you enter the worship space (nave). The offering plate will not be brought up or passed around during the service. Pick up the bulletin as you enter and when you leave, place your bulletin in the recycle box in the front entrance unless you are taking it home with you.
- All hymnals/prayer books and cushions have been removed for the time being. If the pews are too hard for you – consider bringing your own cushion to use and take home with you for cleaning.
- There will be NO congregational singing for the next few weeks. The choir is preparing and will be ready to hopefully begin sometime in September (depending on what happens at the Provincial/Regional level with COVID).
- During communion, the Greeter will direct parishioners, pew by pew up to the Chancel step to receive communion (bread only) from a clergy. The clergy will happily bring communion to you at your seat if needed.
- There will be no procession or recession with the cross before or after the service.
- After the dismissal, the Liturgical Ministry team will exit through the Vestry.
- We are not able to offer coffee/social hour or food at the moment, but we are delighted to say that weather-permitting, you are invited to meet outdoors in the garden and parking lot after each service for a time of socializing. Bring your own beverage and a chair!
- As you prepare to leave the worship space, kindly remember to maintain physical space and to leave one pew at a time. The Greeters will assist with the movement of people to help maintain appropriate distancing as you leave. Please do not linger or socialize in the church, the narthex or the hallways. Instead, head outside immediately after the service to visit and connect with people outdoors.