

All Saints' New Longton | Coronavirus unlock plan

This plan is provisional, awaiting further information from HM Government and detailed guidance from the national Church and the Diocese of Blackburn

Date	Social distancing etc.	Refreshments	Masks & cleaning	Singing	Communion
From 19 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to have empty pews between occupied pews • Space between households on pews to be self-regulated • Top windows remain open for improved ventilation • Baptisms with more than a dozen guests to be conducted at a separate service rather than in the 10:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seated tables of 4-6 for tea/coffee after 9am service on Sundays, and after 10am service on Wednesdays (but not yet including schoolchildren) • Refreshments after 10:30am Sunday service served in vicarage garden. If raining: get wet (or just go home!) • When vicar is on paternity leave/holiday, this can continue – churchwardens to be given key to vicarage kitchen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks worn on entry and exit • Masks no longer obligatory when seated, but encouraged during singing • Virucidal fogger will continue to be used between services and at the end of each day • Hand sanitiser stations remain in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 congregational hymns per service, wearing masks • Collection taken by a sidesman with the plate/basket walking along the empty pews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign of the peace still only verbal • Continue to receive in current standing queue manner • Priest and people still masked for distribution • Chalice still not distributed to the people
From 1 September 2021	<i>As above</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments return to pre-COVID pattern, including for visiting schoolchildren. • After 10:30am service, children served juice and biscuits in choir vestry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks no longer obligatory, no longer encouraged during singing <p><i>As above for hand sanitiser and fogger</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 congregational hymns per service, no masks required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No masks required by the people at distribution (still worn by the priest)
From 17 October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No signage on pews • Top windows may be closed if too cold. • Baptisms will ordinarily take place during the 10:30am service. 	<i>As above</i>	<p><i>As above for masks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virucidal fogger discontinued; pre-COVID cleaning pattern returns • Hand sanitiser still available in lobby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-COVID pattern • Collection plate passed along in pre-COVID manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign of the peace and blessing of children can include some physical contact • Priest also unmasked at distribution • Return to kneeling reception at altar rail • Await further guidance on return of the Chalice from the national church/diocese