

# THIS CHURCH IS NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Everyone who wishes to enter this building for public worship is welcome. You can enter on your own or with members of your immediate household. Numbers will be limited to allow for social distancing and necessary hygiene measures.

Please be patient if this slows things down. For track and trace purposes, we will be taking names and contact numbers which, in line with GDPR, will be kept for 21 days only.

## Worship times are:

**SUNDAY at 9.30am ~ from 12 July**  
**WEDNESDAY at 11.00am ~ from 15 July**

We confirm we have read and complied with the government's guidance on managing the risk of COVID-19 in places of worship

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

- We have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment
- We have cleaning, hand cleansing and hygiene procedures in place, in line with government guidance
- We have taken all reasonable steps to help everyone maintain a 2m distance between different users of our church

### WHAT WE EXPECT YOU TO DO:

- Refrain from entering if you are feeling unwell or have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past seven days
- Take responsibility for your own safety and that of your household and other people by maintaining social distancing and observing all hygiene measures
- Ensure children are supervised at all times

Signed on behalf of the PCC: *Jane Dent & Dawn Hitchen (Church Wardens)* Date: 9 July '20

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Christ Church & St Andrew's  
Walmsley Bromley Cross

With the approval of Walmsley Parish PCC and following all Government, Church of England and Manchester Diocesan guidelines, we are pleased to announce that we will be open for PUBLIC WORSHIP from Sunday 12 July at 9.30am and for a mid-week service from Wednesday 15 July at 11am.

Please DO NOT attend if you are unwell, showing symptoms of coronavirus, self-isolating or have been in contact with anyone displaying symptoms.

Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place. There will be limited access to the toilets. Please follow the instructions and advice of our welcomers.

Please note: if you feel unable to attend, our online worship & resources continue. Please contact Church Warden, Dawn Hitchen, at [dawn@walmsleyparish.org](mailto:dawn@walmsleyparish.org) for more information.



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Or contact Jane Dent  
Church Warden on 01204 595695

**As we are emerging from these months of Lockdown, with its enforced suspension of public worship, we are looking to re-open for services here at Christ Church Walmsley. We are going to have to learn how to best provide for our worship needs.**

**Whilst we would like to see everyone in church, we have to work with the building so numbers will need to be limited. If more people turn up than we are able to accommodate, please be understanding. The Sunday Service will be repeated on Wednesday so, if you are able to come to the mid-week service, please do so to allow those who are working to attend on Sunday.**

**Services will be more reflective with quiet responses and no singing. We are asked to minimize movement and observe social distancing, which means that for the first weeks, the services will not be Holy Communion. Families are welcome, but services will not be as lively as we would normally have when children are present, with everyone needing to remain quietly seated. The balcony will not be in use due to the narrow staircase and accessing the handrail. We have only one toilet and this will be for emergency use only.**

**These are the provisional arrangements for the next few weeks, based on current government and Diocesan guidelines. We are doing our best in the present circumstances; please help us to make this work. Thank you.** *Canon Peter Reiss & Church Wardens*

## **Provisional update on the recording of church attendance for the purposes of school admissions in September 2021:**

The Bishop Fraser Trust Schools (Canon Slade, St James's, Farnworth and St Catherine's Academy, Bolton) and Walmsley Primary School all take the view that, since churches/places of worship were closed to public worship from 17<sup>th</sup> March - and those churches/ places of worship able to re-open for public worship are likely to place restrictions on the scope of services offered and/or numbers that can be accommodated - attendance records will not be required for the period after 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Completion of the register of attendance for school admission purposes will therefore be suspended until further notice.

Please note: if you feel unable to attend our services of public worship, the Turton Moorland Team online worship & resources continue. Please contact Church Warden, Dawn Hitchen, at [dawn@walmsleyparish.org](mailto:dawn@walmsleyparish.org) for more information and to receive our Parish Newsletter, prayers and children's worship at home fun sheets.

Please keep an eye on our Team website [www.turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk](http://www.turtonmoorlandteam.co.uk) or our Walmsley Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/walmsleyparish/> for updates.

We look forward to when we can ALL gather again, in our churches and in our community spaces. We continue to pray, and we seek to live out our faith practically in these difficult times. We continue to ask for God's blessing on our communities, our loved ones and our nation.

### ***LINKS to RESOURCES***

You can watch each Sunday's 'virtual service' led by our Team Rector, Canon Peter Reiss, from the Team website or by accessing this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFilXhO-sxIBQTSvSG8N7Xw>

As in past weeks, this link will enable you to enjoy a wonderful, recorded service (also on FaceBook) from 9am.

Please remember to visit our  
Walmsley Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/walmsleyparish/>  
Walmsley Church Twitter: [@ChurchWalmsley](https://twitter.com/ChurchWalmsley)  
and our Walmsley Parish website: <https://walmsleyparish.org/>

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