

Coronavirus update I - 6th March 2020

This note will appear in the pew sheet this Sunday, but you may like to have the information beforehand.

Oxford diocese is issuing regular updates for churches on good practice during this outbreak. We will ensure that they are passed on and here at St. Luke's we will maintain a calm, prayerful and practical response.

Part of our role is to ensure that we set a calm model to support our whole parish.

We are taking the following action, with which we would gently ask everyone to comply:

- Displaying NHS and diocesan advice posters, and updates as they come
- Providing hand sanitiser /wipes at the door (we have larger amounts on order, if you have your own please carry it with you to save our current small stocks) and for the whole altar party
- Ensuring there is soap in the toilets and kitchen servery—please use it and ensure that children do so too
- We will not be offering ANY intincted hosts for the foreseeable future, and no one should 'dip' themselves. It is perfectly acceptable to receive the host only if you prefer not to share the cup
- Ensure that ALL ministers and servers wash their hands before starting to set up
- Ensure that chalice assistants use hand sanitiser before taking the cup
- Refrain from overzealous sharing of the peace – no kissing (even partners) please, and no one should feel obliged to shake hands
- Ensure that coffee and lunch servers also observe the good practice above (you may wish to wear the gloves provided) and are meticulous in washing up
- Please do not share the cup or have physical contact with others if you have a cold.

If you do fall ill please do let Revd. Sally know so that she can provide support—at a distance!!

We are awaiting supplies of hand gel in larger quantities, it might be good if you have your own to carry it with you and use it this weekend.

We will carry on otherwise as 'normal' – and worship the God who is bigger than all the world can throw at us.

Blessings

Revd. Sally