

The Parish of St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, North Delta

COVID-19 Safety Plan

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At St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church we have assessed our facilities and have implemented this COVID-19 Safety Plan to reduce to the risk to staff, parishioners, user groups and the public. If you have any questions or concerns about these protocols please contact Yolanda Lumase in the parish office: ylumase@st.cuthbert.ca or call 604 594-8822. Pastor Paul and the Pastoral Care Team are available to assist parishioners who are in need, whether COVID-related or not, and pastoral needs will be met in a COVID-safe manner.

Our COVID-19 Safety Plan is as follows. It will be modified from time to time, as required.

- ✓ A plan has been established to enable in-person worship at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services each Sunday. This includes on-line pre-registration, sign-in for contact-tracing, hand sanitizing, safe distancing, wearing masks (unless unable for medical reasons) and a limit of 50 attendees at each service. Only the 82nd Avenue doors (and parking lot) are open on Sunday mornings. Social distancing is maintained by blocking off alternate rows and marking designated spaces on the pews. All prayer books, hymn books and Bibles have been removed from the Sanctuary and the service outline is projected. Music, singing and some Scripture readings are pre-recorded and projected. We acknowledge that this is not 'church as usual' but we value the opportunity to worship together and welcome everyone who chooses to join our in-person services.
- ✓ We are providing Communion at in-person worship services (bread only). The bread is given in a physically-distanced manner by a Priest who is wearing a mask and has sanitized hands. Masks must be worn by parishioners to receive Communion and the bread is consumed after they return to their seat. There is no physical passing of the Peace or congregational singing, and coffee time is suspended. Worshippers are directed to exit the building at the end of the service and may choose to socialize safely outside.
- ✓ The washroom in the Narthex area is closed on Sundays, other than for emergency use.
- ✓ The offertory basket is placed at the entrance to the Sanctuary and will not be passed during the service. Parishioners who do not attend in-person worship are encouraged to use the "donate" button on the parish website, sign up for pre-authorized donations (PAD) by contacting the church office, use an 'e-transfer' from their bank account, or drop off a donation through the mail slot at the church office. St. Cuthbert's is grateful for parishioners' generous and faithful financial support.

- ✓ Worship is also available via Zoom or on-line (recorded version) for parishioners who do not wish/ are not able to attend in-person worship. We welcome everyone who chooses to join our worship services from their homes.
- ✓ There is on-line Sunday School and Youth Ministry with songs and activities posted weekly and distributed by e-mail.
- ✓ To receive an e-invitation to register for in-person worship, and/or to receive an invitation to the Zoom or on-line services, and/or to receive the weekly Sunday School and Youth Ministry materials, contact ylumase@st.cuthbert.ca.
- ✓ Teams of volunteers attend the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services to welcome worshippers, direct them to the COVID self-assessment which is posted, sign-in worshippers (for the sole purpose of contact tracing if needed), ensure hand sanitizer is used by every person entering the church, and then clean the high-touch areas of the pews after each service. Cleaning supplies meet the BC Centre for Disease Control standards. Volunteers are supervised by a Captain at each service. The entrance doors are held open so that everyone can enter without touching them.
- ✓ Masks must be worn at all times in the facilities (unless unable for medical reasons), other than staff who are working in their offices. Masks are available for purchase, by donation, at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday services and donations are forwarded to a relief agency supporting partners in Africa who are dealing with the pandemic.
- ✓ We have developed COVID-19 protocols for user groups and each group must confirm their agreement in writing.
- ✓ Access to the church offices is restricted in order to increase the safety of staff.
- ✓ Any visitor, parishioner or staff person who is unwell is asked to stay home.
- ✓ The parish has contracted with professional cleaners to thoroughly clean the church facilities weekly, especially high touch areas.
- ✓ Signs have been posted throughout the facilities to remind parishioners and visitors to maintain social distancing and be COVID-safe.

Thank you for adhering to this COVID-19 Safety Plan. We look forward to the time when we can worship and socialize together in person. In the mean-time "be kind, be calm and be safe". And may God bless you and all those you love.

