

'BACK TO CHURCH' QUESTIONNAIRE

*It is helpful if you could answer all the questions,
but please only answer those questions you feel comfortable answering.*

Are you filling out this questionnaire:

- on your own behalf only
- on behalf of yourself and a partner
- on behalf of a family group

Your name(s):

LOOKING BACK OVER RECENT WEEKS

Have you been able to engage with any of the following? *(please tick all that may apply)*

- the 'Update'
- services on Facebook
- services on YouTube
- the WhatsApp group
- small groups on Zoom
- 'Private Prayer' on Fridays
- none of the above

On a scale of 1-10 *(with 1 being 'barely at all' and 10 being 'very much indeed')*:

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| How hard have you found lockdown, practically? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| How hard have you found lockdown, spiritually? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| How much have you missed 'normal' church <i>(feel free to be honest!)</i> ? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER AND BEYOND

What approach do you think should characterise the PCC's approach to re-opening? *(please tick all that should apply)*

- boldness (ie. get on with it!)
- caution (ie. take it very carefully!)
- patience (ie. wait and see how things pan out!)
- other — please specify:

On a scale of 1-10 *(with 1 being 'barely at all' and 10 being 'very much indeed')*:

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| How important to you is coming 'back to church' at this time? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| How concerned are you about catching Covid-19 yourself? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| How concerned are you about passing on Covid-19 to others? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| How anxious are you about coming 'back to church' yourself? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

COMING 'BACK TO CHURCH'

It may be possible to re-start Sunday morning services in the church building soon. However, government restrictions and health advice mean that this will look very different to what we are used to at St Peter's...

Social-distancing means people will have to be very careful about entering and exiting the building, about sitting in specific places, and keeping our distance from others. There will be no singing (although there may be times of music), we may not be able to share communion for a while yet, face-coverings will probably still be mandatory, and people won't be able to stay and talk with others after the service. No refreshments will be available.

While this all sounds quite negative, we still hope to be able to pray together, to hear God's word together, and to worship him "in spirit and truth".

In the light of all this, what are your thoughts about coming 'back to church'? *(please tick all that may apply)*

- I'll be there straight away!
- I would be there straight away, but need transport
- I am nervous about attending services, but will probably attend
- I am nervous about attending services, and will probably stay away
- I will not be attending for a few weeks to see how things go
- I will not be attending until there is a vaccine, or until the virus has basically been eradicated
- From the description you give, I prefer online services
- I will attend, but am not excited about the 'feel' of the services
- I can't wait to be inside the church building again
- I depend on people give me a lift to and/or from church
- I think there will be a second-wave of the virus and lock-down will return
- I think the risks of catching the virus now are very low and I don't worry about it
- I won't be in a position to return until there is something specific for kids
- I am (or someone in my house is) shielding and/or very vulnerable
- If there was a way to have small gatherings (eg 6 people in a garden), I'd love to be part of them

Do you have additional comments, or questions, or anything else to write?

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

Please send your completed questionnaire to the Vicar, to arrive **by 12 noon on Sunday 23rd August** —

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