Covid Response updates

The responsibility for our "local rules" in church rests (sadly!) with me as Vicar, but I thought I'd share with you my thinking as I suggested the current situation should be reviewed in September.

Again I'm seeking to err on the side of caution as cases locally are still not as low as they could be.

So from 1 October 2021:

- Masks will be "encouraged" rather than being insisted upon
- Communion will still be "in one kind" (ie just the priest will take the wine)
- We'll stick to sharing the Peace from a distance.
- ◆ Hymns: suggesting we sing 3 hymns on a Sunday introit, communion & recessional
- Suggest the choir still doesn't start (because of the close proximity of the choir pews)
- Serving team to re-start when they're ready
- Services to start with a procession again
- Pews in the south aisle to remain as they are so that people can socially distance if they wish

I hope that sounds reasonable. Again perhaps these updates can be reviewed (at Advent?) in a few weeks, depending on how the situation changes.

Fr Andrew