

St Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands

An important reminder to all members of the congregation

Dear all,

You will all be aware of the rapidly increasing infection rate across all areas of Merseyside, and the government's announcements today of the increased restrictions placed on us all.

Since worship resumed in our church three months ago, the Churchwardens and Clergy have worked very hard to create an environment that's as safe as we can to minimise the risk of transmitting the infection between churchgoers, thus allowing them to attend for worship.

However, last Sunday it was apparent that not everyone was complying with the arrangements we have put in place.

It is not the role of the Churchwardens or Clergy to police our policies, but the responsibility of every individual to follow the guidelines and keep themselves, and everyone else, as safe as possible.

Examples of breaches last week were:-

- People coming into church without a face covering and standing at the table at the entrance whilst one was put on
- Not using the hand sanitiser until reminded to do so
- Squeezing past the table to go across the back of the pews and down the centre aisle against the one way system
- Asking people from a different household already in a pew to move along to let them sit in the same pew

We want to be able to keep our church open for worship but if the infection becomes more widespread we may find that church services will be stopped.

**** HELP US TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN AND SAFE BY FOLLOWING THE RULES ****

Thank you

Derek & Lesley, Churchwardens

1st October 2020