



St. Cuthbert's Church High Etherley



Dear friend,

Due to the current situation with the Covid 19 pandemic and the current guidance issued by the UK Government the Etherley, St Cuthbert's Church Parochial Church Council have agreed to seek permission from Bishop Paul [Diocese of Durham] for a Dispensation from Public and Private Worship with immediate effect up to and including the 15th February 2021.

This means that the Sunday and Weekday Public Worship services and any Private Worship will not be available from the 10th January until the 15th February 2021.

This will NOT affect the availability to provide services for Funerals in Church, subject to current government guidance and advice. Please contact either Barrie Kirton or Elizabeth Jude for further information [churchwardens].

Whilst we are confident that we have complied with the risk assessment action plans and best practise to ensure compliance with the guidance from the UK Government on:

- Stay at Home
- Social Distancing
- The wearing of masks
- The washing of hands
- The Test and Trace monitoring etc,

we have now taken into account the additional significant increase in Covid 19 cases and deaths throughout the country and the advice given by the Chief Medical Officer [Professor Chris Whitty] today:

Do not leave your home unless necessary

1 in 3 people who have the virus have no symptoms, so you could be spreading it without knowing it.

Assume that YOU may have the Virus.

PLEASE STAY AT HOME.

We are exploring the opportunity to provide On-line Sunday Worship services via ZOOM software [Free to all users] and recorded services. We will invite people to join via e-mail or by text messaging shortly.

We are also updating our "Buddy" Telephone Calling Scheme and if you or anyone you know would be interested in receiving a call on a regular basis, please contact Barrie or Elizabeth (churchwardens).

God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Barrie Kirton and Elizabeth Jude

Our Website can be viewed at www.stcuthbertsetherley.co.uk

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