

<b>Church Name:</b> St Peter's, Tiverton, Devon EX16 9RP		<b>Name of Assessor:</b> Mark Heritage			<b>Date:</b> 14/07/20	
<b>What are the hazards/Risks?</b> <b>(a)</b>	<b>Who may be harmed &amp; how?</b> <b>(b)</b>	<b>What is already in place?</b> <b>(c)</b>	<b>What further action is required?</b> <b>(d)</b>	<b>Action by who?</b> <b>(e)</b>	<b>Action by? (date)</b> <b>(f)</b>	<b>Date completed</b> <b>(g)</b>
Access to the Church – Viral Hazard	Clergy, Church members and Community through contamination with Covid-19 from contact with points of entry	<p>Clergy &amp; Church members enter Church through separate access point to that of the community</p> <p>Community access the Greenway Chapel through main porch door</p> <p>Chapel door is wedged open to negate touching the handle</p>	<p>Main Church door to remain locked to prevent public access</p> <p>Access to be clearly marked plus signage stating social distancing to be strictly adhered to with no physical contact</p> <p>Provide alcohol-based hand sanitiser for visitors</p> <p>Church to be ventilated during periods of Private Prayer</p>	Church Members	Prior to Opening	On each Opening
A Covid-19 Sufferer Entering the Church	Persons: as above. Potential for contracting Covid-19 through 'aerosol' transmission from an infected individual	Signage on entry gates & Chapel door stating anyone with coronavirus symptoms not to enter the Church, but to self-isolate at home immediately & contact NHS on 111. Anyone having been in contact with a person tested positive for Covid-19 is to then self-isolate for 14 days	If someone has entered the church with coronavirus symptoms, the Church is to be closed for a period of 72 hours with no permitted access. Routine sanitising of the area can then be performed following the quarantine period	As Above	As Applicable	As Applicable

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Materiel within the Church building harbouring Covid-19	Clergy, Church Members and Community may contract Covid-19 through contact with books, furnishings and other objects	All bibles, reading material (including leaflets), soft furnishings (incl. prayer cushions) and toys are secured to prevent physical contact	Cleaning rota to be organised to ensure regular cleaning of seats, door handles and other points of contact within the Chapel that are in use for Private Prayer sessions	As Above	Prior to Opening	Prior to Opening
Bat Droppings (Guano)/Bird Droppings & Rodent Infestation	Clergy, Church Members and Community may contract histoplasmosis through inhaling the fungus spores growing on droppings	Routine checks in place to identify the presence of birds, bats and rodents in the Church	<p>Any sightings of droppings (bat droppings do resemble mice droppings but turn to powder form when touched) are to be cleaned up immediately. The following actions are to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wear rubber (not latex) gloves</li> <li>b. Dampen droppings with a water sprayer</li> <li>c. Clean up droppings with soapy water and a mop/cloth</li> <li>d. Disinfect area with a bleach solution, ratio of 1:9 [bleach to water]</li> <li>e. If cleaning hard floor surfaces, ensure area is fully dried after treatment to prevent slips</li> </ol>	As Above	As Applicable	As Applicable

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Dormant virus on the surfaces of areas within the public areas for Private Prayer	<p>The Clergy, Church Members and the Community may catch Covid-19 through contact with contaminated surfaces*</p> <p>*If the church is closed for 72 hours or more between openings there is no requirement to clean such areas</p>	<p>The Church has designated cleaners, but for the purpose of opening for Private Prayer, the Church Members opening up will perform such duties as necessary</p> <p><i>*As the Main Church is now open for Public Worship on Sundays and the Greenway Chapel open on Mondays and Thursdays for Private Prayer a period of less than 72 hours between opening occurs (Sunday/Monday), all points of contact leading up to &amp; including the Greenway Chapel door and surrounding areas are now sanitised with the appropriate chemicals so as to kill any potential Covid-19 deposits, to include, but not limited to: gate entry contact points (latches and the top bars for example on the main gates), door handles, door surrounds, seating, grab points, the sanitising station &amp; any other areas where the public may touch</i></p> <p><i>The same applies to the Church Members entry points</i></p>	<p>A revised cleaning rota to be established to cover the revised opening periods &amp; <b>only those persons who do not consider themselves to be in a vulnerable group allowed to perform such duties.</b></p> <p><b>The designated Church Members are responsible for removing potentially contaminated waste from the Church <u>on each day</u> the Church is open</b></p> <p>PPE to be provided, including disposable gloves prior to opening</p> <p>Sanitising chemicals to be provided along with other suitable cleaning substances if historic surfaces are required to be cleaned (COSHH applies) prior to opening</p>	<p>As Above</p> <p>As Above</p> <p>Church – to register with Parish Buying for procurement options</p> <p>Church Members</p>	<p>Prior to Opening</p> <p>After each Private Prayer session</p> <p>Prior to Opening</p> <p>Prior to opening</p>	<p>Prior to Opening</p> <p>As Applicable</p> <p>Prior to Opening</p> <p>Prior to opening</p>

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Accidents, sudden illness, physical violence, intruders	Lone workers	A Lone Workers Policy for the Church has been written by the Safeguarding Officer  Access to a First Aid Box for minor injuries	Ensure all Lone Workers have read and fully understood the policy and have a means of communication in the event of an emergency (mobile phone etc) to call the emergency services as applicable  It is planned for two Church Members to be present during times of Private Prayer so-as-to reduce any risk to a level deemed to be as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)	Church Members	On each opening	On each opening

**Assessors Name:** Mark Heritage

**Church Officials:** Gill Heard & Bill Zarrett

**Position:** H&S Officer

**Position:** Church Wardens

**Qualification:** NEBOSH

**Signed:** *M Heritage*

**Signed:** *G Heard*      *W Zarrett*

Agreed Review Dates: As required with Governmental/C of E Policy changes with Covid-19

*[This supplementary Risk Assessment is to be reviewed when applicable in accordance with Governmental & subsequent C of E changes to the Covid-19 Policy for Churches. This Assessment is to be read in conjunction with the Risk Assessment for Public Worship and the standing H&S and Fire Policies for St Peter's Church, Tiverton and does not negate anyone's responsibility from such].*

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