

Protocols specific to St Peter's Church, Comox.

Capacity and booking

We have a maximum capacity in the church of 42 persons to ensure social distancing is maintained. This maximum capacity depends on a number of family units / couples being able to sit together. In practise this means our numbers may be less than our maximum capacity. In order to prevent disappointment, please contact the admin office AT THE LATEST by 12.45pm on the Thursday before the service to reserve your place and register your name and contact details.

Seating

You will not be able to reserve your usual seat. You will be allocated a seat by an usher, who will fill the church from the front to the back. Chairs will be appropriately spaced out and where there are pews, you will be required to sit in the marked position to ensure safe distancing (2m) from those around you.

Health and safety

Please be realistic about your own health and vulnerability. Please do not come to the church if you are experiencing symptoms, may have been exposed to Covid-19 or fall into a highly vulnerable category. Use the Ecclesiastical screening questionnaire provided to assess your health before you attend a service. Protecting yourself and others is a priority.

Mobility

Entry to the church building will be by the front door. If you are unable to manage the steps please let us know. We will escort you safely through the vestry door and allocate a seat for you near the exit.

Washrooms

Please use the bathroom before you arrive at St Peter's. If you do need to use our facilities, a washroom monitor will escort you to the hall. The washroom will be sanitized before and after use.

Music

We will be using instrumental / on-screen music only. Please exercise self control and do not sing along!

Children

Children must remain with their families at all times. There will be no Sunday school. We have an area where up to three people can be seated together. If a family wants to attend that is larger than 3, we can arrange a space for their group if notice is provided.

Food and Hospitality

Refreshments will not be available or permitted at church or in the hall for the present. Our kitchen facilities are closed for any and all uses.

Social contact

Physical distancing is to be maintained at all times. This is to include not exchanging the peace, not physically greeting one another, not laying on hands in prayer.

This is church, folks, but not as we know it! But the Spirit will meet us and the Lord will delight in us as we worship him in these new ways that are available to us.

Thanks be to God!