

:Please don't feel obliged to return to in-person worship if you don't feel ready to do so, if you are in a high-risk group (because of age, underlying health conditions or as a caregiver to someone at high risk). Online services will continue to be offered for the time being.

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St. Thomas Anglican Church

sets its heart toward being a Christian home which welcomes, encourages and seeks to inspire All People.

9:30 AM Service

Getting Ready to Open in Amber



These months that we, the church community, have not been able to meet face to face have been difficult and we're all looking forward to coming back. But we are returning to a new reality, so please take the time to review this brochure to help make meeting together again as safe as possible.

Welcome home. Here's what to expect—

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

In order to help ensure the health and safety of everyone who comes to our service, the church building will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after each service.

Before you attend a service, please screen yourself for COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel unwell or are in a high-risk group, please stay home.

The size of the congregation is limited to no more than 50 people, or one-third of our seated capacity (whichever is less).

All the prayer and hymn books have been removed from the church. The Service will be projected. We will not be handing out printed materials at this time.

All those who come to church will be required to wear a mask. If you have your own mask, please bring it with you and put it on before you enter the building.

If you don't have a mask, or forget it, cloth masks will be available at the entrance to the church.

UPON ARRIVAL

There will be hand sanitizer dispensers at the entrance of the church and in the Sanctuary. You'll be asked to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.

When you arrive for a service you'll be asked to provide your name, telephone number and email address. We are required to collect this information to help with contact tracing in case someone who's been here is later found to have COVID-19. You will also be asked if

you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to anyone who is ill in the last 14 days. If you have, you cannot be admitted to the service.

Please arrive early and wait to be escorted to your seat.

DURING THE SERVICE

Physical distancing will be maintained at all times. There must be no touching at any point before, during or after the service. An offering plate will be available as you enter the church but it will not be passed during the service. The congregation is not permitted to sing.

Only the clergy will administer the Eucharist. They will sanitize their hands several times both before after the distribution of communion, which will be by wafers only for the congregation.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Areas of the church not necessary for worship will be closed. Washrooms should only be used when urgently needed.

There will be no Sunday School or Nursery during the Amber stage of re-opening.

Please bring your own seat cushion to and from the church weekly if one is required.

To keep everyone safe and healthy, you are asked not to gather in the building, before or after the service. Please remember to maintain physical distancing at all times when inside or outside of the building.