**St Mary’s Parish Survey**

Thank you for participating in this confidential survey.

At present, the easing of some government restrictions around public gatherings and places of worship have lifted somewhat and we are permitted to conduct small gatherings of 10 people providing we maintain social distancing and hygiene recommendations.

This survey includes several questions about your current feelings regarding participation in small group gatherings at church.

1. Which best describes your attitude towards returning to St Mary’s for some type of gathering/worship? Select one:

* I will return the first opportunity we have.
* I will return at first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions

Can you please elaborate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* I will wait several additional weeks before I attend.
* It may be quite a while before I return.
* Not sure
* Comment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. In addition to our local government lifting its ban or guidance against public gatherings, are there other signals you would want to see before you return to attend a worship service or other gatherings at church? Select all that apply

* Local businesses are open again
* Local restaurant seating areas are open again
* Schools are fully open
* There are no coronavirus cases in the region
* Most social distancing recommendations have been lifted
* None of these
* Not sure
* Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. What precautions, if any, do you plan to take when you return to St Mary’s? Select all that apply

* I will wear a face mask
* I will stand and sit in places where I will be at least 6 feet from others (beyond my own family)
* I will avoid shaking hands
* I will avoid any physical contact
* I will avoid crowded hallways
* I will bring hand sanitizer
* I will use hand sanitizer provided on entry to and exiting the church
* I will refrain from gathering and remain in isolation if I have any cold and flu like symptoms or are unwell
* None of these
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. What precautions, if any, do you expect our church to take for gatherings? Select all that apply

* No handouts of any kind (e.g., prayer books, newsletters, name badges, notes etc.)
* Provide Communion of one kind only (bread)
* Use a new method for collecting tithes and offerings
* Maintain social distancing at all times
* Prop doors open so people do not have to touch handles
* Set up one-way foot traffic entering and exiting the building
* Provide hand sanitizer stations
* Discourage shaking hands
* Allow adequate time for thorough cleaning and disinfecting between group gatherings
* Ask people who have any cold or flu like symptoms to refrain from coming
* Record names and contact number of attendants
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* None of these

5. Would you be willing to attend a small house group?

* Yes
* Not right away
* Yes, providing necessary precautions are taken around social distancing and sanitizing.

6. Do you have children age 18 or younger who live with you and typically attend church with you?

* Yes
* No

**If Yes**

8. What precautions, if any, do you expect the church to take in relation to children? Select all that apply

* Reduce the number of people in each room or move to a larger room
* Seat children where they cannot touch each other
* Prohibit snacks that would cause children to put their hands to their mouths
* Require people/leaders to wear face masks
* Encourage kids to wear face masks
* Require teachers to wear gloves
* Ask kids to use hand sanitizer before entering
* Plan activities in which kids do not need to touch each other
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* None of these

9. Which of the following describes the attendance level at which you would be comfortable attending a worship service?  
  
I would be comfortable attending if the church was …

* Filled to capacity (every seat taken)
* Three-quarters filled (some empty seats throughout but no empty rows)
* Half filled (most people have empty seats either beside them or in front of them)
* One quarter filled (most people have empty seats beside them and in front of them)
* None of these (at least right away)

10. With the lifting of restrictions, which of the following would you prefer for our church?

* Resume in person worship services at our church immediately
* Meet in small groups in homes for a few more weeks before resuming in person worship services
* Not sure

11. Would you be willing to attend a worship service at a different time than you typically attend to allow people to be more spread out?

* Yes
* No
* Not sure

13. How long have you been attending St Mary’s?

* I am new in 2020
* Less than 2 years
* 2-4 years
* 5-9 years
* 10+ years
* I don’t remember

14. What is your age?

* Less than 18
* 18-29
* 30-49
* 50-69
* 70+
* I prefer not to answer

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Whilst we are keen to resume services and gather together for worship at St Mary’s, ensuring your safety and the safety of those whom we love and care for is paramount. We appreciate your patience and prayers as we navigate our way forward.

Rev Tracey Wolsley