

Guidelines for Communion at Binscombe Church Spring 2021

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper again in person. Whilst we have been very thankful that we have been able to take Communion together on Zoom over recent months, this has been unsatisfactory in many ways. Communion is meant to be celebrated as a gathered body of Christ; the guidelines below help us to continue to do this in remembrance of Jesus' sacrificial death for us, even as we meet socially distanced during this time of pandemic.

The guidelines below are specific to taking Communion together and must be taken alongside our more general 'Return to Church Guidelines'.

Guidelines for the safe celebration of the Lord's Supper at Binscombe Church.

1. People preparing the bread and wine will wear a face mask and will have washed their hands thoroughly.
2. The bread and wine will be pre-packaged on site.
3. Everyone will collect their pre-packaged bread and wine from the back of church on arrival.
4. At the collection point packages of bread and wine will be spaced out to ensure people only touch the bread and wine package that they pick up. This will be supervised by the welcome team.
5. If people would prefer to bring their own bread and wine they are welcome to.
6. Anyone invited to take part in leading a part of the meeting will do so from the front using a microphone. They may remove their mask to do this!
7. Movement of people will be controlled by the service leader and the welcome team.
8. People will book to attend, to limit numbers to our socially distanced safe capacity.
9. People unable to meet or uneasy about meeting in person for communion can take part virtually via Zoom.