

Notices for St Mary's Church, Ruabon and Penylan

9th January 2022



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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. I am very pleased to be joining both churches on a part time and temporary basis but hopefully for long enough to get to know you.

I am no stranger to the area and have previously lived in both Chirk and Llangollen when I taught at Ysgol Dinas Bran for 23 years. Since Ordination in 2003 I have served in Wrexham, Montgomeryshire and Alyn and Borderlands Mission Areas. For many years I have held diocesan portfolios including Ecumenism, which is useful as I'm looking after a shared church with our RC friends, lay commissioned ministries, (Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants), Transition into Mission Areas and I am now Diocesan Director of Ministry and Chancellor of St Asaph Cathedral. I have two children and three grandchildren of 3 years and under.

Unfortunately, some of the church activities I am used to leading are curtailed by Covid but I look forward to working with St Mary's school and developing children and family work. Covid restrictions are the same as over Christmas, namely,

Alert Level 2 Restrictions from 26th December 2021 Each church should update their risk assessment to comply with 2 metre social distancing. There are no strict limits on numbers attending for indoor or outdoor worship activities including life events – the only limit is the safe capacity of the building to maintain social distancing.

1. Use of buildings for other community activities/events is limited to a cap of 30 people indoors or 50 people outdoors (whilst maintaining social distancing).
2. Face coverings must be worn for all indoor activities.
3. Singing remains permissible (with face coverings) but you should consider mitigation measures such as limiting numbers of songs/hymns or singing outdoors.

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 11th at 7pm: Induction of Fth. John by Bishop Peter's at St Mary's. All welcome.

Wednesday 19th at 2pm: Joint Council Meeting in Church Hall

Services for 16th January (Epiphany 3) 9.30am Holy Communion, 11am Morning Prayer in Penylan

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