

PROPHET ELIAS CHURCH WITHIN ST. MARK'S, READING

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- Should you develop **Covid-19 symptoms**, please self-isolate at home; do not attend service.
- If aged **over 70 or younger and suffering from serious illness** but wish to attend service, you do so at own risk. If you develop symptoms during service, you will be asked to leave after giving your name to steward for Test and Trace. Should symptoms develop within 14 days from attending service, please inform President immediately.
- For those isolating at home St Sophia Cathedral broadcast the Divine Liturgies on **LGR 103.3 MHz - Greek radio** and televised on **www.hellenictv.net**.
- Entry via the church entrance, exit via door to the right of vestry, ie **one way system**. Both doors remain open during service for ventilation and for those waiting outside to follow service.
- **Face masks are mandatory**. Please bring your own; church has adequate supply of masks to be given free, if need be.
- Church capacity: **30 persons** maximum including Priest and no more than 2 Chanters. Entrance on a **first come basis**. Persons exceeding allowed capacity may wait outside, if they wish.
- **Cordoned off areas** are strictly out of bounds
- Stewards accompany parishioner and show **allocated seat**, where to remain **for duration of service**. Those leaving the service will not be allowed in, their seat will be left empty. No wandering, chatting or singing allowed. At the end of service people to leave promptly, maintaining safe distance.
- **Children** to sanitize hands, be supervised by adult relative and remain seated too; there will be no wandering or play area.
- **Social distancing** of 2m or 1 m for members of same household and for those waiting outside to be maintained throughout service.
- **Supply of disinfectants** will be provided by the church near the entrance and by the exit for sanitizing hands.
- There will be no collection dish during service but **collection box at the entrance**; please give generously for the upkeep of our church. No handling of cash or giving change allowed.
- If you wish you may make your donation online or by bank transfer to the following church account: **The Greek Orthodox Community of Reading, Account No 73694410, Sort Code 20-11-74**
- On entering church, each Parishioner will be requested to sign the **attendance form writing name and contact details** (telephone/s and email) for **Test and Trace purposes only**. The form for each service will be kept for 21 days and disposed of straight after.
- Kneeling in front of icons is recommended and not kissing; if one insists on **kissing icons it will be at own risk**. No kissing of Priest's hand either. After contributing to collection box, lighting of candle and completing Attendance form, please sanitize hands thoroughly.
- **Holy Communion**; those willing to receive Holy Communion will be called by the Priest row by row. Those waiting outside will be called in but have to leave straight after through the exit.
- Pre packed in plastic bags **prosporon** will be taken from the basket held by a steward at the exit.
- **Weddings** may take place with up to 30 people including Priest and Chanter. **No baptisms** for the time being.
- **No water or toilet facilities** are available.