

## **Procedure for a COVID-secure Holy Communion - Chesham**

### **Preparation**

Gluten free wafers will be used and using tongs placed on saucers to be left on a table in the lobby for the congregation to pick up a saucer each if they want to participate in communion

- all utensils must be clean
- the person preparing the saucers will wear a face covering and clean their hands

No wine will be used for communion – communion will just consist of wafers.

The communion table can be prepared as normal by the communion steward with a wafer placed on the paten for breaking in two by the celebrant.

### **During the service**

The celebrant will explain to the congregation how communion will be handled and at what point people should remove their face coverings.

Each member of the congregation will remove the wafer from their saucer and we will eat the wafers at the same time as each other.

The celebrant will ask the congregation to replace their face coverings as soon as possible afterwards.

The saucers will be left on the seats next to the people in the congregation.

### **After the service**

The saucers will be left in place for 72 hours whereupon they will be washed in hot, soapy water/dishwasher. They will be returned to the kitchen cupboard after being dried.

The process will be reviewed with the celebrant and the communion stewards after each service, and improvements built into this procedure.