

HOLY TRINITY, PRESTWOOD AND ST. MARY MAGDALENE, GREAT HAMPDEN

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COVID Recovery Roadmap– March 2021

This document has been reviewed by both PCCs. It sets out the Recovery Plan for our worship and activities. It is tied to the Four Steps the government has outlined in the [Roadmap out of Lockdown](#).

It is not a prescriptive document but rather gives us a framework.

However, due to the need to start preparing for Easter **the PCCs approved Step 1 nem. con.** before their next meeting.

All Special and Sunday Services from HT will be streamed live until we reach Step 4.

Step 1

1. Worship remains online only until **March 29**, when the stay-at-home order is lifted and Holy Week begins.
2. From Holy Week onwards worship in church with a congregation resumes, with social distancing in place and ticketed seating in church at Holy Trinity.
3. (But in Holy Week: Monday and Tuesday services are online only as the format suits those services.)
4. Wednesday **Stations of the Cross** at HT. Ticketed said service, streamed video with recorded music.
5. **Maundy Thursday** Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar service at HT. Ticketed, streamed, live music; **Vigil at the Altar of Repose** online only.
6. **Toddler Thursday Easter session in Churchyard and Marquee. Booking for up to 15 adults via Eventbrite.**
7. **Good Friday** Liturgy of the Day at HT. Ticketed, streamed, live music.
8. No services on Easter Eve.

9. Easter Saturday Trail for families in Churchyard and Marquee. Timed entry in family bubble 9am-12pm; trail, craft for Easter branch and building the Easter garden.

10. **Easter**

- a. 9.30am Outdoor Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter at HT.
- b. 11.15am Easter Eucharist at GH.

11. **Sunday pattern from Low Sunday onwards:**

- a. 8 o'clock Holy Communion HT—ticketed, streamed.
- b. 9.30am Sunday Worship Communion by Extension HT—ticketed, streamed.
- c. 11.15am said Morning Prayer GH

Step 2 (12 April onwards)

12. Online Prayer during the Day (8.00am) and Online Compline (8.00pm) will shift to Online Morning Prayer (8.00am) and Online Evening Prayer (5.30pm).

This will be a permanent shift in the prayer life of the benefice.

13. Wednesday morning Communion at HT resumes from April 14.

14. First Sunday of the month 9.30am HT is an Outdoor Eucharist (current roadmap would mean this was just one Sunday, May 2.)

- a. Provision to be made for Ministry Team members who are still shielding and want to make a video contribution to swap for an 'indoor week'.
- b. Risk Assessment to ensure preparation effort is minimised, i.e. GoPak altar, etc.

15. Toddler Thursday to resume face-to-face in Church/Marquee. Booking for up to 15 adults via Eventbrite.

16. Bumps & Babies to resume face-to-face in the Annexe. Booking for up to 15 adults via Eventbrite.

17. Toy Library to resume in the Annexe. Drop in 10am-1pm.

18. Launch of new monthly Sunday afternoon Youth Group for year groups 6-9 (age 11-14).

19. Children's Church activities to run alongside outdoor services. If wet parents to watch streamed service in Annexe with Children in the Church Hall.

Step 3 (17 May onwards)

20. Every 9.30 am Sunday morning becomes an Outdoor Eucharist unless the weather forces us inside, in which case it will revert to Communion by Extension. The decision will be made each week on the preceding Tuesday.
 - a. Provision to be made for Ministry Team members who are still shielding and want to make a video contribution to swap for an 'indoor week'.
 - b. Risk Assessment to ensure preparation effort is minimised, i.e. GoPak altar, etc.
21. At HT coffee after the service will resume. A COVID Secure Risk Assessment will be written.
22. May 30, Trinity Sunday, there will be a BYO picnic in the churchyard after the service.
23. TLG Make Lunch to take place in the Hall on May 31 (awaiting confirmation and guidance from TLG)

Step 4 (21 June onwards)

24. Social distancing in church will end. Benches/pews restored to normal capacity.
25. Normal Sunday provision, hospitality in both churches. All groups, activities that have not yet resumed will resume.
26. Children's Church to resume in the Church Hall and Church grounds each Sunday morning with rota for Leaders/Helpers reinstated.

Things not yet clear

27. When will singing be allowed?
 - a. Once singing is allowed we will cease using recorded music.
 - b. From when singing is allowed or Step 3, whichever is earlier, we will essentially be asking Sam to play live each Sunday, which does not form part of his contract. We need to start sourcing additional organists.
 - c. GH returns to its monthly cycle service pattern from the point when singing is permitted?
28. Will we wish to retain some outdoor worship if people are nervous?
29. When will lifts to church be allowed?

Recovery Review

30. In the month leading up to **Step 4** we will comprehensively review all activities taken up during the pandemic. (Exception: Morning and Evening Prayer discussed above.) The default is that activities taken up during the pandemic

should cease from Step 4, unless we decide to retain them or develop them. This includes the **KIT** network, streaming services, meetings via **Zoom**, etc. This will be a significant discussion for the **PCCs** to have. The current roadmap trajectory would put this discussion in a **May** meeting, and a discussion document would be prepared.

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Easter Programme 2021

			Off	Preach	Service	Time	Music	Stream	
29-Mar-2021	Monday	Online	KL	--	Reflection	7.30pm	Not req	Online	
30-Mar-2021	Tuesday	Online	NS	--	Reflection	7.30pm	Not req	Online	
31-Mar-2021	Wednesday	Online/ HTP	DH	--	Stations	7.30pm	Not req	Online/ In Church	
1-Apr-2021	Maundy Thursday	HTP	NS	KL	Eucharist and Stripping of Altars, etc	7.30pm	Organ and Cantor	Camera+OOS	
		Online Vigil	DH	--	Vigil	Until 11pm	Not req	Camera	
2-Apr-2021	Good Friday	HTP	DH	NS	Liturgy of Day	2.00pm	Organ and Cantor	Camera+OOS	
4-Apr-2021	Easter	Family- Outdoor	DH	KL	Service of Light & Eucharist	9.30am	Keyboard & Choir	OBS?	
		GH	DH	KL	Communion	11.15am	?	N/A	