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In light of this we are strongly encouraging everyone who is able to do so to wear a face covering in our church buildings as this simple act can make a big impact on the spread of the virus. We wear masks not for our own protection, but for the protection of others and by extending this courtesy on behalf of each person in church we are contributing to the common good. We also continue to encourage the use of hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the building. We will continue to administer the bread and wine of Holy Communion simultaneously as we have been doing and we will not be sharing the common cup.

We will, unless advised not to do so, go ahead with our planned Christmas programme of services, again asking all attendees to wear face masks. We will not be providing refreshments after these potentially large services, again in an attempt to reduce possible transmission.

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