

OUR GUIDELINES TO THE NEW COVID RULES FOR INDOOR EVENTS

At Beaminster Festival, our mission is to create a relaxed, friendly and enjoyable experience. As part of this, we place the utmost importance on the safety and well-being of our audience, volunteers and performers.

We have introduced a range of new health and safety measures that seek to reduce the risk associated with COVID that are in line with the most recent government advice.

Some of the measures set out below will be clearly visible to you whilst others require consideration from visitors to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. We hope that these measures will ensure everyone can enjoy the evening in a comfortable and safe way and your support is appreciated

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



- You are advised to bring your own suitable face mask / covering to enter St Mary's Church
- Please make sure you have made your booking in advance, at [Beaminsterfestival.com](https://www.beaminsterfestival.com) or on 0333 666 3366 (booking charges apply)
- When you purchase tickets please register your contact details in line with the recommendation from the Government



- Please don't visit our events if you are displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 ([Main symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk))



- At present, we are only taking bookings online or via the telephone box office.
- Tickets will not be available at the door



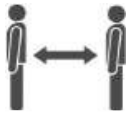
- The church is difficult to access with many stairs. The lift from Church Street is not currently available

ON ARRIVAL



- Due to social distancing, we have a significantly reduced indoor capacity
- The Church doors will be open at 7pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to start time to avoid excess queuing. At our discretion we may open the doors early to avoid crowding.
- You will be guided into the Church and then seated by the Stewards please follow their instructions which are for the safety of everyone.
- In light of this, you may need to wait upon arrival outside. Please prepare for this if the weather is inclement. Please wait in an orderly way, at an appropriate distance from other people. Our stewards will show you to your seats
- Please sanitise your hands at the stations provided.

SAFE DISTANCING



- We have introduced new arrangements to assist with social distancing outside and inside the Church. Please respect these
- A temporary unisex toilet will be available but we would recommend that this is only used if essential. Access to the Strode Room is not available
- Our Stewards will monitor the queues/ indoor spaces to ensure that social distancing is being maintained
- When entering the Church you will be guided through one of two doors. Please follow the guidance of the Stewards.
- Once in the Church you will be seated from the front backwards. We regret that you will be unable to “save” seats for others so please arrive together if you wish to be seated together.
- We recommend that you use masks whilst queuing and moving to and from your seats.
- There will be a short interval. Refreshments are not available. We ask the audience not to move around unnecessarily during the interval.
- When exiting the venue post-show, audience members will be directed to their nearest exit and released in small groups by our stewards. Please be patient whilst this is happening.