

Services of Public Worship at Selby Abbey (revised): September 2021

We are following current good practice in avoiding the spread of coronavirus and so some restrictions will continue to be encouraged for the time being, including the use of face coverings (if possible) and social distancing. Please read these notes in order to help you understand how this may affect you if you choose to come to a service or visit the Abbey. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend worship or visit the Abbey due to the risk they may pose to others. Hand gel will be available by the door and people are encouraged to use it (or the wash basins) on entering the building.

There will be two services of Holy Communion on Sundays (8.00am and 10.00am) and two during the week on Mondays (12.00noon) and Thursdays (10.00am). Holy Communion will be administered in one kind (bread) only. People will receive Communion into their hands while standing (or seated in a wheelchair) from the Priest and will form a single file queue spaced 2m apart as they come forward to do so.

There will also be a service of Evensong on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm (from 12th September).

Please leave a two-seat gap from the next person (if not with them) on the row of chairs or pews when you sit down, unless invited to sit closer. Face coverings may be removed while seated if you, and those sitting near you, feel comfortable to do so.

No collection will be taken (a plate will be available at the back).

We will continue to produce our Sunday Sheet with materials for prayer and worship at home for the foreseeable future. If you do not already receive these by email or post, please let us know. (Copies are also available in the Abbey).

Details about the specifics of each service are below. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us on 01757 703123 or office@selbyabbey.org.uk

John Weetman (vicar)

Sunday 8.00am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Entry (and exit) will be by the south door which will be open from 7.30am. The service will take place in the Choir.

Sunday 10.00am: Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

Entry (and exit) will be by both the south and west doors. Those requiring level access should use the south door. The service will take place in the Nave. Chairs will be spaced in rows 1.5m apart throughout the nave. Other visitors will not be admitted during the service. The service will include organ music and singing by both choir and congregation. It will be followed by tea/coffee in the north aisle – please remain seated whilst drinking and conversing with others. ***This service is also available on Youtube (see website or Sunday Sheet for the link).***

Sunday 6.30pm: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) – from 12th September

Entry will be by the south door which will be open from 5.30pm. The service will take place in the Choir. The service will involve organ music and congregational singing and (on alternate weeks), the choir will lead the singing and the service. (Please see notice sheet for details).

Monday 12noon: Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Entry (and exit) will be by the south door. The service will take place in the Choir. Chairs will be spaced in pairs at the front of the Choir. No visitors will be admitted to the Choir during the service but visiting may continue in other parts of the Abbey.

Thursday 10.00am: Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Entry (and exit) will be by the south door which will be open from 9.45am. The service will take place in the Nave. Chairs will be spaced in rows 1.5m apart throughout the nave.