**St Leonard’s Risk Assessment 30/09/20**

**Holy Communion**

Procedures as for Sunday worship

Move table to use as nave altar in front of rood screen on Wednesdays, covered by linen cloth

Worshippers to wear face coverings throughout, president to wear a face mask at distribution

Peace – no physical touching or sharing, but words and response can be said.

Only president to take both bread and wine

All consumables (ie wafers) to be covered while president speaks the words of the eucharistic prayer, apart from the bread and wine the president will consume

President to sanitise hands before beginning eucharistic prayer

President to sanitise hands and put on face covering before distribution

The words of distribution (the body of Christ) are spoken to the congregation before the president receives and all who intend to receive say ‘amen’. No further words are spoken. Holy communion is administered in silence.

Communicants are to receive standing, not kneeling. They should form a line at least 2 metres apart, warden or sidesperson to guide, approaching by the centre aisle and returning to their seats by side aisles (‘fountain’)

Each communicant should extend their hands to receive holy communion, with face covering in place. They should then, having moved a few steps away from the table, lower or unloop the face covering, consume the consecrated bread, and then replace the face covering before moving back to their place in the congregation

The bread is only to be administered into the hand (not mouth) with care being taken not to touch the communicant’s hands. If hands are touched, both the person distributing and the communicant should sanitise their hands immediately.

Hand sanitiser available at centre aisle and as people return to their seats

Information to be given beforehand to congregation through service sheet

**Blessing – no-one may come forward for an individual blessing (as touching and speaking words over or immediately in the vicinity of a worshipper is not possible). A prayer of blessing will be said before distribution begins.**

**Anyone who, because of mobility issues, is not able to walk to the front to receive communion should be seated at the front. If that is not possible, the president, wearing a face covering, will go to where the person is seated (should be at the front of the block of pews at the back).**