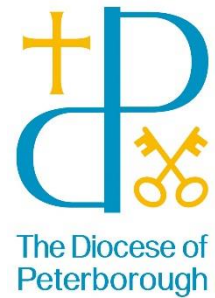


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To the Licensed Clergy of Peterborough Diocese

1 December 2020



Dear friends

As I suggested yesterday, we now have guidance for the distribution of Holy Communion in both kinds.

Some will find the process described rather complicated, though it is very familiar to those of us who have been at celebrations in some other parts of the Anglican Communion. The priest does a very minimal intinction, touching the bread to the wine, then places the bread on the hand of the recipient. Some may worry that this results in a soggy mess; I simply report that I have done this many times in the Holy Land and never had a problem. Of course, under these new guidelines, face coverings, hand gel, and distancing, complicate matters, but in essence it is straightforward.

I am attaching a letter from the Archbishops with a copy of the guidance (which has not been published yet, but soon will be). I hereby give permission for this practice to be adopted in any parish in the diocese, provided that the incumbent and PCC judge it to be right for their context. If, however, you prefer to stay with communion in one kind until we can again drink from the cup, you may do so.

Once again, Advent blessings.

With love in Christ

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