

ADDENDUM TO THE METROPOLITAN'S OPENING OF CHURCHES INSTRUCTIONS (29th JUNE 2020) - CONCERNING TOILETS

I have received a lot of comments about reopening the toilets in the churches: a lot of elderly people, and others, need access to them or they cannot attend services at all.

So those who open their churches may open the toilets with the following provisions:

1. Ensure the toilets remains **well ventilated**.
2. Ensure any queue which may form **remains socially distant** and **avoid the creation of bottlenecks** between those entering and exiting.
3. Wherever possible, to have **hand sanitiser available** on entry to the toilet for each user.
4. Provide suitable handwashing facilities **including running water and liquid soap**.
5. **Remove any communal towels** and **replace them with single-use paper towels**. **Hand dryers are also acceptable**.
6. Provide adequate waste facilities.
7. **Have a named person** each time the church is open whose duty will be to go into the toilet **after every use and clean**: paying particular attention to all those surfaces which are frequently touched in the toilet — for example, but not limited to, door handles, toilet flushes, seats, taps, light switches, and anything else the last user may have touched **before allowing anyone else to enter**.

I still recommend toilets remain closed; if, however, you are able to follow strictly the guidance issued by the UK Government on 29th June, as well as my instructions issued by email (in particular those of 29th June and this email), and you believe it necessary to open the toilets for the sake of the faithful then you have my blessing to enact these instructions.