

**Safe Ministry**  
*Safe People, Safe Places, Safe Programs*  
**COVID-19 - Church Operations**  
**Update: 18/01/2023**

**Preamble**

The Anglican Church Central Queensland (ACCQ) remains committed to the health and safety of all staff, parishioners, and the broader community. This update is in response to changes in COVID advisory levels by the Queensland Government.

Effective from 17/1/2023 COVID advisory level for Queensland has moved from Amber to Green. The change to ACCQ church operations are as follow:

**Face Masks** are no longer required as a normal part of church operations for Clergy or Lay Ministers/Assistants, including during preparation and distribution of communion elements.

**Bare Below the Elbow** is no longer required for preparation and distribution of communion elements.

**Communal books** including but not limited to Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymn Books may be used and do not need to be cleaned after each use.

Please use your discretion based on local risk factors with regards to this advice.

Yours servant in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen Hercott', written in a cursive style.

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