

COMMUNION AT HOME POLICY

Policy defined June 2016. Modified 2019 to reflect Diocesan requirement for annual reapproval. All those authorised are reapproved by the PCC in July of each year.

This policy is set out for St Kea Church where lay people take Holy Communion to the housebound or the sick, or to others who cannot get to church.

As this ministry involves sometimes working with and ministering to vulnerable adults and often in their homes, it is necessary that the parish has ensured that those who go in the name of the church have received appropriate training and have been carefully selected.

- Everyone involved in such ministry will already have been nominated by the parish priest and PCC and had some experience as a Eucharistic/Communion Assistant in church services.
- Those involved in this ministry must hold a current DBS and engage in safeguarding training.
- For their sake, and for the sake of those to whom they minister, lay people are to be given suitable pastoral training to equip them for this important ministry. This can best be in the form of the training given to Local Pastoral Ministers training (LPM).

Policy Guidelines

1. Home Communion is only for those who are physically unable to attend regular worship

Vicar or Curate may occasionally take communion to those who have been particularly ill, but the normal use of home communion is for those who need it and not for those who have removed themselves from the church for a different reason.

2. Approved

Volunteers will need to be individually approved by the Vicar, PCC and the Bishop of Truro. The church office is responsible for sending their names with the appropriate information about the agreement from the PCC and any other relevant information (e.g. DBS check and evidence of training) to Lis Escop and due authorisation will then be given. These authorisations need to be renewed annually.

Volunteers are only able to take Holy Communion to people at home. Approval will need to be obtained as above before taking Communion to someone new/unknown.

3. List of regular recipients

The Pastoral team leader will maintain and monitor a list of all those in receipt of regular Communion in the home and liaise with the Vicar as any changes need to be made.