

## **New Mask Protocol for St. Bartholomew's Church**

The Vestry has decided to shift to a “mask optional” protocol for gatherings at the church. However, if you’ve recently been in close proximity to people whose health status is unknown or if you or someone you are close to is immuno-compromised, we encourage you to wear a mask. We respect that some people may continue to mask for their personal health or comfort. Masks will still be available at the entrance. If you are feeling ill, please consider streaming the service from home.

Our primary concern is protecting the health and safety of our parish family. We feel a conservative approach has been the most prudent in protecting the health and safety of our parish family, so we will continue to monitor both national and local trends and will adjust our masking policy accordingly. We will address holding coffee hour inside at our October Vestry meeting, but plan to continue to offer that social time outside until then. Thank you for your flexibility and patience.