



start after more than three months of lockdown, churches have been

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All Saints Church in Crowborough recently welcomed more than 200 church goers (in 60 cars) to its first-ever outdoor drive-in church service – in a nearby field with views over the Sussex countryside. Vicar of All Saints, Revd Steve Rees said: “The current pandemic has seen us discovering more and more new ways to share God’s word, support each other and worship.”

St Barnabas Church in Swanmore also held a drive-in service for the first time, with worshippers driving their cars into the village hall car park and winding down the windows to join the Songs-of-Praise style service.

Meanwhile, St George's Church in Waterlooville welcomes pre-booked worshippers by ticking off their names at the door (for track and trace purposes) before directing to the hand sanitiser and a pew where they could sit at least two metres away from others.

Norma Kershaw, who has been part of the congregation for five years, said: "It has replenished my soul to be here today. It has made me feel so much better. I did just sit there and weep.”

In front of the altar at St George’s, a web cam and laptop were prominent, as the service was also being live streamed to others watching at home.

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