Instructions for Communion post-Covid

Two elders (those on duties 2 and 4 ideally - but feel free to swap duties around if necessary) should make sure that they are sitting near the crossing as the Communion part of the service begins.

After the choir receives Communion these two elders should come forward as soon as the minister invites the congregation to come forward.

One elder should collect the bread and the other elder the tray with individual cups of wine. These will both be specially set aside on the Communion table for taking to the pews.(Please check before the service starts, so that you know which bread and wine you should collect)

Having taken Communion themselves, the two elders should then go slowly together down the south aisle towards the west door and then back down the north aisle, looking out carefully for anyone who wants to take Communion in their pew. The minister will have instructed those members of the congregation who wish to stay in the pews, to indicate (presumably by raising a hand) that they wish to receive Communion.

As most of the congregation will be going forward for Communion at this point, it should be easier to spot anyone who remains seated, but indicates that they want to take Communion.

The two elders should then return the unused bread and wine and any used cups to the Communion table. Following this they should return to their normal seats: duty 4 near the south door and duty 2 near the north door.