

Returning to church Q&A - provisional as at 9th July 2020

Will we be singing? No - this is currently not recommended, however we hope to be able to still listen to a couple of hymns during the service, as well as participate in other ways (eg reading a psalm together). It is anticipated that the service will be slightly shorter than we are used to - approx 45 minutes.

Will we be wearing face coverings? Yes. Nobody will be allowed to enter the building without a face covering, except for those who are exempt (e.g. those with existing respiratory conditions & children under-11). Face coverings must remain in place until you have left the building.

What about hand sanitiser? On entering the building there will be hand sanitiser available for everyone and cleaning hands will be a prerequisite before proceeding to your seat.

What about cleaning? The building will remain locked during the week and only opened briefly to be professionally cleaned every Thursday

What about ventilation? Prior to the Sunday service all windows and doors will be opened and remain so for the duration of our time together.

Where can we sit? In order to maximise capacity, upon entering the building you will most likely be directed where to sit, which must be 1 metre from anyone not in your household. This will probably mean filling up from the front, and leaving alternate pews empty. We are also considering whether an online booking system will be helpful.

Do I need to bring anything? Apart from your face covering, no. There will be a service sheet which will include everything you need, including bible readings. All we ask is that if you pick up a service sheet, you then dispose of it yourself.

What about my children? Children are very welcome and need not wear a mask if of primary age. However, they must remain with you at all times and adhere to the one meter social distancing guideline whilst inside. In effect, this means they must remain in the pew with you for the duration of the service. Therefore it's encouraged that parents plan ahead and come with supplies of snacks, toys and books (as well colouring pencils/crayons for the colouring sheet which we hope to provide.)

Why will you take a register? in line with govt guidelines and to enable effective "track and trace", we will record who attends and where they sit. This will be kept for 21 days before being destroyed.

What happens when the service finishes? Please remain seated in your pew until directed to leave. This is in order to prevent a bottle-neck at the door.

What if I think it unwise to attend? We recognise that some of the church family will be unable to join us in person at present. Therefore, an audio recording of the service along with service sheet will be emailed out each Sunday lunchtime.

What if I (or someone in my household) has symptoms? Please stay away. Listen online and we look forward to seeing you again when you are better.