**Information for Church Attendees**

Church is reopening on Sunday August 23rd! Please come along and join us in worshipping the Lord together if you can.

We are following the Welsh Government Guidelines for Places of Worship. In fact, it’s a legal requirement. We are using three safety principles - social distancing, respiratory hygiene and hand hygiene – to help keep ourselves and our local community safe. Please read the following to see how these principles will be applied...

**1.The Services**

Services will be shorter than usual – just an hour. A maximum of 30 may attend so we will have two services. These will both be in the morning. The first will be from 9.30 – 10.30 and the second from 11.00-12.00. The second service will be a repeat of the first. The half-hour gap in between will give the Hygiene Team the chance to clean, antibac and set up for the second service. Ben will be in touch to explain how we can go about registering for the service we’d rather attend. The first service will be recorded and put on YouTube at 11.00 for anyone who is unable to gather with us.

**2. What will it be like in the main room?**

We will make a seating plan once we know who is coming. Families with children will be seated at tables and there will be worksheets/colouring sheets for the children. Please bring your own crayons/felts and take these home with you afterwards. Everyone else will be seated in households at 2m distance from other households.

Some packs of tissues will be available in the entrance and main room. Any coughs and sneezes should be “caught” using the elbow method or a tissue. Used tissues should be binned in the bins provided. We should speak using soft voices and the minister will use a microphone to avoid raising his voice. External doors will be open. The heating will be off.

Please note that no other rooms will be available to meet in. There will be no crèche or Sunday School. We may not use the kitchen or side rooms at all.

**3. What will happen in the service?**

The services will be very similar to the ones we are used to watching on Youtube. There will be hymns/songs, prayers, a children’s talk and song (at both), the reading of God’s Word and the Bible Message. We may not sing. Music will be recorded music for us to “sing” to silently in our hearts - or hum to perhaps. Ben will preach from the platform at a distance of 3m plus from the congregation. Once the service is finished, we must leave straightaway, taking all our belongings/litter with us.

**4. Toilets**

We may use the downstairs toilets. The Hygiene Team will antibac surfaces before, during and after the services. Only one person at a time may use the toilets - plus parent or carer if required.

**5. Arriving and Departing**

Everyone must arrive through the main door. If we are in a queue, we must keep our 2m distance. Stewards will guide us through the data collection process (name and tel number will do) and we will all be asked to use the hand sanitiser. At this time, we are not required to wear masks in church but a few masks will be available for anyone who wished to wear one but forgot to bring it with them. We will be guided to our seats.

We may not serve teas and refreshments but people may bring their own water bottles with them. We may meet briefly in the grounds afterwards for chats – but, even outside, we must keep 2m distance from members of other households. And we must take special care in the car park given the to-ing and fro-ing of cars.

We don’t have a one-way system as such but it would be appreciated if the able bodied could use the rear doors to the car park – thus saving a “crush” in the foyer.

**6. Test and Trace**

We will keep a record of attendance for 21 days to support the NHS Test & Trace programme. Data will be held securely on the premises. We will only share details with NHS Test & Trace if asked, and the record will be destroyed after 21 days.

**7. General Hygiene**

The foyer, main room and toilets will have been cleaned prior to each service by the Hygiene Team. The Team will wear some PPE, e.g. mask/face shields, gloves, pinnies, to support safer cleaning and stewarding.

**8. Venue Manager**

The church has to have a Venue Manager when it is open for any purpose. The role of the Venue Manager is to ensure we abide by the Covid19 Risk Assessment. During the week, this is Ben. On Sundays, the Venue Managers will be David and Liz

**Remember...we must *NOT* attend if**

* we have symptoms associated with Covid19 – a new persistent cough, a higher than normal temperature, a loss of the sense of taste or smell;
* we have been asked to isolate from others because of quarantine instructions or because we or someone in our household has tested positive.

*All relevant church policies and Risk Assessments are available for us to read on the church website. Please note that our church is a place of worship* ***and*** *a workplace. Our minster uses his study almost every day and we have other people working inside and outside throughout the week - so it is important we take this Information for Attendees seriously - for their wellbeing as well as our own.*