

Hello Church Family,

With much anticipation, we are looking forward to opening the church building for worship this Sunday morning for the first time in months. We will be doing so within the Government guidelines.

As you will have gathered, it will not be straight back to normal. The Elders have met this week to discuss how we can open within those guidelines and we have a plan. This may well be adapted in weeks to come, as we find what works safely for us, and as new guidelines are issued from the Government. Let us hope it is not too long before we can have unrestricted worship!

So our plan for this Sunday is:

- A maximum of 30 people.
- Anyone wishing to come, will need to call Alan (607945) in advance to ensure their name(s) is(are) on the list. If the number wishing to come this Sunday exceeds 30, then we will give priority next Sunday to those we could not accommodate this Sunday.
- Please do not book or attend if you have a temperature or are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms
- It will not be possible, we are afraid, to just turn up Sunday if you have not had a place confirmed by Alan.
- Please observe distancing (2m or 1m+) when entering & once inside the church with those not in your household or bubble. We will have 'Welcomers' assisting us all with this.
- Please avoid physical signs of affection. Greet verbally or use fist or elbow bumps.
- Seating is laid out already. Please do not move chairs unless you are doing so to sit with household members.
- Hand sanitiser will be by the door as you enter.
- Please feel free to bring a face mask to wear (they will not be provided)
- Toilets – If at all possible, please try not to use the church facilities. Obviously, if you need to..... you need to!

- We need to record the names of everyone who attends on Sunday and, if necessary, release the information for 'Track & Trace.'
- The government are recommending that only the lead musician sings. For now we feel we should respect that advice. If you really want to sing then join in at home watching the live stream.
- There will be no refreshments and chat opportunity afterwards, sadly but understandably.
- We will be asking everyone to leave the building as soon as the service is over.
- Please, if you are over 70 or in a vulnerable category, be wise regarding your decision.
- The service will be streamed as normal on YouTube, so if you are not attending, continue to enjoy the comfort of your favourite armchair as you worship the Lord!

These are challenging circumstances for churches across the country, but we need to uphold the government guidelines and to be seen to do so too. Romans 13:1 says *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.* Rest assured, we will make the best we can of the situation as we start to gather back in the church building joining together with those at home to worship our marvellous God.

For the evening service and for the rest of the week live streams will continue as normal according to the schedule (attached).

From Monday to Friday the church building will continue to be open from 1-4pm each day for prayer.

God bless you all,

Phil, Alan & Richard

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