

COVID Arrangements from 10th December 21

Introduction. This revises the arrangements we have had in place since July, to take account of the Government requirements updated on 8th Dec 21 requiring face-coverings. A copy of the government

Symptoms. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 please do not attend, but self-isolate and get a PCR test. If you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or you have been instructed by NHS Test and Trace, please self-isolate and do not attend in person. We will be continuing to livestream our services for those who (for any reason) are unable to come to church in person. But if you can attend, we do strongly encourage you to come in person to services and activities in the building, to meet together and enjoy Christian fellowship, rather than watching at home.

Attendance List. There is no longer a requirement for the church to maintain details of those attending. But there will still be a QR code for those who wish to check-in using the app, and a paper list for those who would like to record their attendance. Doing so means that if someone attending church later tests positive for COVID-19, we can tell those who recorded their attendance. If you would like to continue recording your attendance, please do so, but you do not have to.

Ventilation. Please ensure that there is good ventilation for all our activities, by opening windows and doors. Please wear warm clothes as the windows to be open. But do please ensure that doors and windows are secured afterwards.

Hygiene. Please continue to wash your hands regularly with soap and water, use hand sanitiser on entering our building, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues when you cough or sneeze (or if impossible use the crook of your elbow).

Face-coverings. There is now a legal requirement to wear a face-covering while in the building, except while sitting to eat or drink; unless you have a health condition or reasonable excuse for not wearing one. Reasonable excuses include children under the age of 11, inability to wear a face-covering because of physical or mental illness, those for whom it will cause severe distress, speaking to someone who relies on lip-reading, or to avoid risk of harm or injury to yourself or others. Please be mindful of those with such a reasonable excuse. There is no requirement for such people to provide evidence of their exemption.

The best available scientific evidence is that, when used correctly, wearing a face-covering may reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets, helping to protect everyone. A face-covering should safely cover the nose and mouth: they may be disposable or made from cloth. They should have a good fit around the nose and mouth. Cloth face coverings work best if they are made with multiple layers. A face-visor or shield may be worn in addition to a face covering but not instead of one: this is because they do not adequately cover the nose and mouth, and do not filter airborne particles.

Singing. You are permitted and encouraged to sing, while continuing to wear your face-covering.

Distancing. We continue to keep our seating spread out to allow everyone to maintain an appropriate distance. Please also try and maintain a sensible distance between people and avoid crowding close to someone while you are having a conversation.

One-way system. We are not currently requiring a one-way system through the building.

Further Information. Do ask if you have any questions or comments on these arrangements.