

Gathering Physically – Instructions and Procedures

Thank you for your ongoing fellowship during these most unusual of circumstances. We have been blessed to be able to meet for worship over Zoom since March, but it has been encouraging to make some significant steps recently towards a phased return to meeting at the College, and [this Sunday](#) we are opening the opportunity for up to 20 people to gather in the chapel. If all goes well we would hope to have up to 35 gathering in subsequent weeks.

We want to create as safe an environment as possible in the chapel, and so we have developed the following policy:

- All seats are set 1.5 metres apart.
- Entry to the Chapel will be through the main door. Seats will be taken starting at the front row and working backwards. Ushers will show you to your seat. This way no one must pass another person to get to a seat.
- There must be no movement around the Chapel during the service.
- At the end of the service Ushers will assist you in leaving the building. The back row will leave first working forwards out through the main door, so again, no one must pass another person as they exit.
- Everyone will leave the building immediately after the service. Conversations can take place away from the Chapel entrance in the car park always respecting the 2-metre social distancing rule.
- Masks should be worn while inside the building. (Please let an Usher know if you have a medical reason not to wear one).
- Initially there will be no singing during the service. Alternative methods of enjoying worship in song are being considered.
- All doors will be permanently open at the beginning and end of each service so there should be no need to touch any surface. The windows at high level in the Chapel will be open during the service to support better ventilation.
- We anticipate the service will last a similar time to current Zoom services.
- Please no hand shaking or hugs at any time.
- Sanitiser and paper tissues will be available in the foyer for use as you enter and leave the service.
- Face masks will be available should anyone forget to bring one with them.
- We ask that if you display any possible Coronavirus symptoms in the days prior to any service that you follow Government guidelines and refrain from attending the Chapel service.
- We also request you to please contact Jackie on [07815862650](tel:07815862650) should you test positive for Coronavirus in the 10 days after you have attended any service.
- We ask that you always exercise care regarding personal hygiene. (sneezing, coughing, handwashing, use of sanitiser etc.)
- We encourage anyone who is clinically vulnerable or may be displaying any coronavirus symptoms to continue joining in worship via Zoom.
- We also encourage you to only bring essential items into the building.
- A list of all attending the Chapel service will be retained for 21 days in the event we may need to contact you regarding any reported cases of positive testing. This data will be shared with the DOH Track & Trace service.

One advertisement about face masks says "This is not a face mask. This is freedom." All of this sounds like a list of do's and don'ts, but it is not. This gives us freedom to worship safely, and to help others feel safe as they worship. These measures will be kept under constant review and adjusted to meet current requirements.

Booking is essential for attendance. You can book via our [church web page](#).