



# Fulwood Methodist Church

## Returning to worship in church

This document has been produced as a guide to inform you of what to expect should you return to worship at Fulwood Methodist Church.

It is hoped that by making this information available you will feel better prepared to make a decision on whether to return to church and know what to expect should you return. Returning to church is a personal decision and as such the timing of your return is up to you.

As the regulations for the containment of the COVID-19 virus evolve it is possible some of the guidance will have changed since this was written but we will do our best to keep you informed.

### 1 As you leave home

- ◆ If you have a high temperature persistent cough or other COVID-19 symptoms stay at home and self-isolate
- ◆ You are not required to book a place to attend church. But remember we only have space for 50 households in church. We will use the Oak Hall as overflow but you might want to join us online ,there will be details in the notices.
- ◆ Don't forget your mask as you will not be allowed to enter church without. Don't worry if you forget as we have a limited number of disposable masks available.
- ◆ Before you arrive at church the building will have been sanitised, doors and windows will have been opened to allow air to circulate thereby reducing the risk of the virus being present.

### 2 When you arrive at church

- ◆ Entry will be either through the doors at the front of church into the Willow Grove for rom the rear car park
- ◆ A queuing system with markings at 2 meter intervals will be in place outside the entry doors and within the oak hall and rear corridor to aid social distancing.
- ◆ You're required by law to wear a face mask whilst inside church
- ◆ As you enter the building a door steward will ensure you use hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Your attendance will be recorded and you will be required to give contact details (if we do not already have them) in line with NHS track and trace requirements.
- ◆ Before and after the service there will be a minimum number of toilets available.



- ◆ A steward will show you to your seat. This is to ensure that we maximise the number of people who can attend whilst not breaching social distance requirements.
- ◆ Each allocated seat will be 2 metres apart with a gap of two meters between households who share a row.
- ◆ Coats and bags must be stored under your seat.

### **3 During the Service**

- ◆ Current guidance from the Methodist Church is that the duration of the service should be between 30 and 45 minutes
- ◆ There will be no singing but music may be played
- ◆ Church hymn books and bibles will not be used but you are allowed to bring your own Hymn book or Bible provided you take it home after the service
- ◆ Any worship material will be projected
- ◆ Large print versions will be available.
- ◆ The preacher will use a radio microphone and stay at the pulpit at all times.
- ◆ Offering will not be taken during the service instead offering plates will be available before and after the service.

### **4 After the service**

- ◆ Tea and coffee will not be served before or after the service
- ◆ You must remain in your seat until a steward tells you to leave.
- ◆ Worshipers must adhere to social distancing requirements when leaving the premises and grounds.
- ◆ After the service the building will be sanitised doors, and windows will be open to allow air to circulate thereby reducing in the risk of the virus being present.

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