

## Re-opening plan for services at MBC – members and friends



As you are aware, we will be re-opening the church for a Sunday morning 11.00 a.m. service with effect from the 16<sup>th</sup> August. To help prepare for this we have prepared a guide that should help answer any questions that you may have about how services will look and how the church building will operate as we restart.

**The safety of all our members and friends is our highest priority and we respectfully ask that all follow the guidelines below so that everyone can enjoy worship together safely.**

**Members and friends should be made aware that services will be different in several ways:**

- *There will be no children's groups during the service ( i.e. Navigators will **NOT** be in operation. There will be a separate Zoom meeting for Navigators from 10.15 – 10.45 a.m. led by Jayne Olsen)*
- *Services will be simultaneously broadcast on Zoom so that members / friends not wishing to attend in person can still watch the service.*
- *There will not be any singing or live music*
- *Services will not contain a children's message*
- *Services are likely to be shorter than normal*

### **1. Capacity**

- The seating has been set up to try to allow maximum occupancy as follows:
- pairs of seats (including 8 pairs in the rear upstairs gallery)
- groups of three seats
- a group of four seats
- single seats
- Our **maximum** capacity in this format will be **60**

### **2. Car parking**

- Neither the school car park nor the church car park will be available.

### **3. Entry and exit to and from the building**

- All members / friends **must not** attend if they have any symptoms of Covid-19
- All members / friends must keep social distancing
- We will be operating a one-way system into, through and out of the church
- Congregation to enter the building through the 'ramp' door at the front, through the atrium and through the left-hand door into the sanctuary. Members and friends can chat socially distant in the car park pre and post service if they wish.
- Congregation to leave the building through the door next to Darrell and the sound desk, through the atrium and out of the main front door.
- To facilitate the one-way system, the table with all the leaflets in the atrium will be turned through 90 degrees to block movement in any way apart from the one-way system.
- There should be no reason for anyone to use the 'car-park' door, the hall or the kitchen. Clearly the less rooms we use, the less the cleaning implications and risks

### **4. Toilet**

- If possible, we would like to not have to use the toilet. Just one toilet will be in use if necessary, the one nearest the car park as it is smallest and therefore easiest to clean.
- If any wheelchair users needed the toilet, they would use the middle toilet.

### **5. PPE**

- No-one will have to wear face masks for services, although we clearly will not prevent anyone from wearing one if they wish.

### **6. Ensuring hygiene is maintained**

- As we will only be using the building once a week, the need for cleaning is reduced due to the 72hr protocol.
- Hand sanitiser will be available on table in atrium upon entry.
- Members and friends cannot move chairs and (when upstairs) must sit in marked areas
- There will be no singing, nor Navigators group
- All internal doors will be kept open, only a designated deacon on duty to close outer doors.
- A collection plate will be placed on the table in the atrium, but anything placed in the plate will not be touched for at least 72 hrs.
- No refreshments will be served and the kitchen will not be in use.
- Church Bibles will not be provided, but members and friends can bring their own if they would like to do so,

- A log of attendees will be taken and be retained in case of attendee becoming symptomatic after the service

To give members and friends an idea of what to expect when entering the church, we have taken photographs (below)



