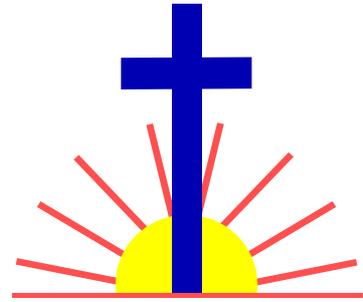


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Covid 19 Procedures 2021 – Updated ----Important

After much prayer and thought and the fact that all those in the first four vulnerable age groups within the fellowship have had their first vaccinations, I write to inform you that the Church will re-open **Sunday 21st February 2021 at 10.30am**. The Government published figures indicate a downward trend in their indicators. A number of people said to me that they would be prepared to return to church once they had received the Covid jab! **Please read carefully what is written below:** -

Further to my letters of the 2nd July, 21st October and 30th November 2020 which I ask you to read in conjunction with this new letter regarding the way forward.

- 1) The Government review is imminent. During the past weeks the Government has allowed the Church to remain open and people have been allowed to meet for **Communal Worship** and following Government Guidelines are still pertinent to our re-opening.
- 2) **Face Coverings** (Visors for those with Medical letter permission) must be worn as you enter the church building and remain in place until after you vacate the church. Your temperature will be taken and sadly those with high temperatures will be asked to return home. **Hand washing** is to follow temperature checks please. If you have a persistent dry cough, fever and lost of taste and smell please stay at home and phone **119**
- 3) Please **do not mingle** as you enter the building, nor in the sanctuary and as you exit the church. **Mingling** together without social distancing is something that the Government and the Baptist Union Guidance is quite hot on and must not happen.
- 4) Please **socially distance** up to 2m at all times. Socially distanced seating in church is provided and once seated in church please **remain** there and not move around until you leave the service in an ordered socially distanced way as directed by our Pastor.
- 5) Those from one **household** may sit together in seats so marked.
- 6) **Use of Toilets** – please use your facilities at home before and after the service where possible. However, our toilet facilities are available to everyone, but one at a time in the Ladies toilet to allow reasonable hand washing without others being in there. After use, please wipe the toilet seats with the wet wipes available and place in bin, and wash hands.
- 7) Sadly, no church bibles, hymn books or missionary letters will be available in church. Please bring your own bible and hold in your hands.
- 8) Should you need to cough, **please cough or sneeze** into your hankie or the bend of your elbow. A **register** of all who come to church with their addresses and phone numbers will be maintained for 21 days for track and trace purposes.
- 9) Regarding Offerings – these can be made direct to church account or by cheque, cash only notes like £20 £10 or £5, or £2 and £1 coins, but please **no bronze or silver**. This will assist in hygiene for those counting. All offerings to be placed only in appropriate receptacle.

Looking forward to seeing you all again and please make every effort work with the above without me having to remind you. Thank you.

Steve

Revd. Steve Lomas

The Church Motto Text for the year 2021 is:

To know Christ' and to make Him known. Philippians 3:10