

Church building reopening Covid safety guidelines.

At this exciting time of reopening the church building, it is worth reminding us all about the guidelines to enable us to safely meet according to Government rules and regulations – so not as to increase the risk for each other.

Face masks – these must be worn at all times from getting out of our cars in the church car park, or walking into the car park entrance. Masks must be worn until you are in your car or leave the car park onto the street. This applies to all unless you are exempt and we would ask you to bring proof of your exemption (letter or on your mobile phone) to show to the stewards/ushers.

Please maintain **social distancing of 2m** at all times from those outside of your family grouping/bubble – both outside and inside the church building. The **car park** is classified as part of the church premises and the same rules and regulations apply to both areas.

We will be setting up a **registration list** for those who plan to attend as numbers will be limited (initially to 30 – but hope to increase this as we learn more from actually meeting.) If you register to attend and find you are unable to come along, please let us know and we can let someone else on the list know for them to attend.



All will **enter through the front doors** (apart from the one who opens up!) There will be **hand sanitiser** provided both side of the entrance vestibule to be used before entering the main church building. In the church building there will be a **one-way system** – as we will leave through 2 side exits at the rear of the building. Those with mobility restrictions will be able to wait and use the ramps at the front entrance – please let the stewards/ushers know when you arrive.

Should you have **forgotten your mask** or it breaks, there will be some spare – please ask a steward/usher to provide you with one.

Please bring your own **Bible** or use one on your smart phone etc. as none will be provided in the building.



If you like or need to **drink of water** in the service, we would ask you to bring your own. Government regulations also discourage the use of **toilets** in places of worship, so although all DEC's toilets will be open and working, we would ask you to go to the toilet before you arrive at church to help us in this matter. Obviously, no one is stopped from using the toilets in an emergency!



The stewards/ushers will direct you to your **allocated seats**, please cooperate and listen to them. When in your seat please **do not talk** across family groups/bubbles. While we will have songs in the service, we are **not allowed to sing** – we can mouth the words, sing in your head, even sing ever so quietly and it gives us a chance



to think about the words and truths of the song and use them in praise and worship.



At the **end of the service** the stewards/ushers will direct you – as individuals or in your family groups/bubbles towards the rear of the church and indicate the doors you leave by.



Please do not **congregate and talk in the car park** – that area still has the same regulations as inside the church building. We realise it will be so tempting to just see and catch up with ones we haven't seen for so long in person. A good Christian rule is still applicable in such a case ***'Yield not to temptation!'***

Pray that we will be encouraged and blessed in using the legal freedom we have to meet together – not as we would want, but meet as we are able in a very different but safe way. We hope the meetings will be live streamed on YouTube as technology allows!

For those who are planning to come along, Siân has volunteered to compile the registration list for the weeks ahead. Please contact her on email: swelshjames@gmail.com – she will reply and confirm she has received your message. She will need to know how many places you need (only book for those in your own family/bubble).