

duke street CHURCH

services at church – July 2021

what to expect following lifting of legal restrictions

The Government have now lifted most legal coronavirus restrictions and the emphasis now is on personal and organisational responsibility, but caution is still very much advised. There are, inevitably, a variety of responses to this but we want to make sure that *everyone* coming in to Duke Street Church feels as comfortable and safe as possible. To this end, we are taking a gradual approach to relaxing the coronavirus measure we've had in place and we will review them regularly. Please work with us on this – there is no one 'right way' to do it, and other places may be doing it differently but, having got this far, it would be devastating if there were fallings out or disunity at this stage.

We would like to encourage you all to do regular Lateral Flow Tests before coming to church services or events in an effort to prevent the spread of infection.

Important note: if you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 please stay at home and follow all Government guidelines on what to do.

- We are still operating a booking system for church services and will check you in on arrival. (We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else)
- We are maintaining 1m social distancing and ask that you are mindful of this whilst waiting to enter the building and once inside.
- Please wear a face covering, unless exempt – in line with Government advice.
- Please aim to arrive no more than 15 minutes before the service begins
- Please only bring essential personal belongings with you, and keep them with you at all times (the coat racks and the pigeon holes are not currently in use).
- We are not currently serving any refreshments before or after the service but please do bring a bottle of water with you if you want to.
- Please sanitise your hands on your way into church.

- Make your way across the foyer and wait by the Worship Space doors for a steward to show you to your seat(s)
- Seating will be allocated and we will ask you to remain in those seats.
- Children remain the responsibility of their parents and will be required to stay with them at all times apart from when they are in their Sunday morning groups.
- Church Bibles will be available if you would like to use one – please pick one up on your way into church and (importantly) return it to the pile on your way out. (This is so that our stewards do not have to handle them).
- We can now sing but we ask that you keep your face covering on.
- If the service includes communion this will be served individually at your seats.
- Toilet facilities will be limited so please make sure you go before you set out for church!

If you do need to use the loo:

- please bear in mind that you may have to wait as we have a limited number of toilets available.
- please use the anti-viral cleaner provided to wipe all surfaces that you have touch
- Please don't go into any other rooms
- At the end of the service, we need to leave in an orderly way to avoid people congregating in one area.
- Parents, please collect your children from their groups promptly at the end of the service.
- We ask you to make your way straight out of the building to the car park where we'd love it if you could stay and chat for a while.
- Once the congregation has left, the cleaning team will clean all door handles and surfaces, any equipment used and the toilets.

If you would like to see a copy of our Covid-19 risk assessment please email office@dukest.org