



# Coronavirus Guidelines for Worship 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

As there are now no restrictions on communal worship and singing and the relaxation of voluntary restrictions is generally increasing, Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church has decided to further relax its guidelines for worship whilst still maintaining a cautious approach. The main changes are shown in bold.

## **Please will members and visitors follow this guidance for worship:**

- One way circulation via the side door will continue (although the front doors will be opened for access to the morning service from 11:00am)
- Please continue to register for "Track and Trace" in writing or on the NHS app.
- **Some windows in the worship area will remain open**
- The chairs in Church will still be set out to ensure social distancing, but allow for couples/families to sit together; please do not move the chairs and **maintain a respectful distance when moving about**
- **Wearing a mask in the Church is a matter for the individual**
- **Singing, and joining in prayers and responses are now welcome**
- Hand sanitizers will continue to be available on entering and leaving the Church and Hall
- **Hymn books and bibles will be made available on request**, although hymn words, etc., will continue to be projected
- If you bring anything of your own (hymn book, bottle of water ..) please don't let anybody else touch it and take it home with you. In particular, take away all used wipes and masks
- **All the toilets will be available**
- No collection will be taken during the service – please continue to give by cheque, Direct Debit or Standing Order

## **In addition**

- Tea and coffee are being provided at 10:30am prior to Sunday morning service but will be a table service. **Please maintain a respectful distance when moving about**
- First aid – in case of accident or illness the Stewards will supervise care; masks, gloves and aprons are available in the vestry.

**You should still not attend if you have any Covid-19 symptoms or had any in the last 7 days:** ie a raised temperature, a new persistent cough, loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell **Or if you:** -

1. have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days
2. have been contacted by the national 'Track and Trace' service and told you to self-isolate (within 4 days) **or**
3. have returned from abroad and been told to quarantine.

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