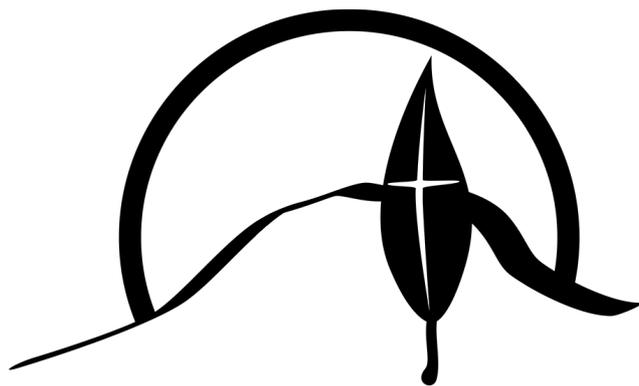


Guidelines For Returning to Worship



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Arrival

- ❖ Stewards will be in the car parks to greet you. Which door you enter will depend how many people you are attending with or if you are by yourself.
- ❖ There can only be one household grouping allowed in the entrance porch at any one time. When you arrive at church please queue outside making sure to follow two metre social distancing. Hand sanitiser will be available upon entry and exit of the building. Please wash your hands as you enter the building. Face coverings, should you require one, will also be available upon entry.
- ❖ When you are inside the meetinghouse, a steward will show you to your seat. The church will be filled from the front first. Only those from one household may sit together. Once seated, please do not move seats. It is unlikely that you will be able to sit in your usual seat.
- ❖ Toilet facilities will be available but we would ask that you only use these in an emergency.
- ❖ Up to 70 people can be accommodated in the meetinghouse. Once that limit is reached, the church hall will be used as an overflow with the service relayed on the screen there.
- ❖ Doors will open at 11.30am. We appreciate that many of you are keen to worship in the meetinghouse but the guidelines PCI have produced discourage buildings from being occupied for significant lengths of time. Please also don't enter the building before stewards are in place. It's important that we maximise our capacity and are clever with seating arrangements.

During the Service

- ❖ Our morning service will be a little shorter than normal initially. This is to help our adjustment back to worship.
- ❖ We will be singing together but we will do so while wearing face coverings. The Praise Group will continue to lead us as they have been doing since September.
- ❖ Crèche and Heroes in Training will not be running. There will, however, be a children's address during the service along with a children's hymn.
- ❖ There will be no printed materials, hymnbooks or pew Bibles available in the meetinghouse or church hall. Please feel free to bring your own Bible from home to the service. Announcements will continue to be published online.
- ❖ Face coverings are now a legal requirement before, during and after church services. We would ask that you please wear one before entering our buildings and throughout the entire service. Good respiratory hygiene, cough etiquette etc. is also strongly encouraged.
- ❖ The offering will not be collected in the traditional way during the service. Collection buckets will be available at all doors before and after the service.

Leaving

- ❖ After the service has concluded please remain in your seats and directions for leaving will be given.
- ❖ We will not be shaking hands after the service.
- ❖ Many of us will appreciate seeing one another again. If you would like to catch up with someone that you haven't seen for a while we would ask that you have a socially distanced conversation in the car parks. We would also encourage you to continue to wear your face covering while speaking to others.

We understand that not everyone will feel able to return to worship at this time and we do not wish for anyone to feel under any pressure to do so. Our services will be live-streamed on YouTube and will also be archived on Vimeo afterwards. CDs and DVDs will continue to be distributed on a weekly basis.

We would ask you NOT to attend worship if:

- ❖ **You feel generally unwell or are displaying symptoms of Covid-19.**
- ❖ **You have been diagnosed with a confirmed or suspected Covid-19 infection in the previous 24 hours.**
- ❖ **You are aware that you have been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed or suspected Covid-19 infection in the previous fortnight.**