

## Getting Slowly Back to Normal

Following recent changes announced by the government and updated advice from the Methodist Church, your Stewards have agreed the following revised arrangements for Sunday morning worship with effect from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, to apply until the end of August:

- No need to book. If you want to come to the 10.30 am service, just turn up! We are expecting about 60-65 people
- Singing. We will resume congregational singing
- Social distancing will be reduced to 1 metre, rather than 2 metres
- No need to sign in, but if you have the NHS Covid app, please use it at Church. Extra copies of the OCR code sign will be provided on seating and around the building.

We are conscious that with the virus still spreading and with clinically vulnerable and older people in our congregation, we all still need to take great care. Our congregation will mostly be double vaccinated, but even with a vaccine 95% effective, 3 people in a congregation of 60 will still be unprotected and not know it. One third of us may be carrying the virus and show no symptoms; many of us on medication have reduced immune systems and cannot risk being infected.

For the time being we will therefore continue to:

- Wear masks in Church – even when signing. This will be a new and novel experience, and so experimental. If you want to wear a visor instead of a mask, that would be fine.
- Sanitise hands on the way in and often. Sanitising wipes will also be available in the toilets for you to use on taps, flushes etc.
- Distance from those not in your bubble. Chairs will be laid out in groups with gaps between rather than long rows. We will provide signs for you to place on a chair either side of you so that you can indicate to others to leave these chairs free to maintain a 1 metre distance.
- Windows and doors will all be open.
- There will still be no refreshments served after the service. We hope to resume this in September.
- Hymn and service books and pew bibles will not be in use. Please bring your own books or ask Eluned or a Steward in advance of the service for printed sheets of hymns/readings/prayers (large print also available on request). The service and words for hymns will continue to be projected on the screens.
- Collections will continue to be via a retiring collection.
- Please leave the Church after the service – do not congregate or socialise in the building.
- Services will continue to be shorter than usual.
- There will still be no evening services or communion during August.

*Helen Appleyard. Martin Appleyard. Tim Coward. David Perrow*