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## Sunday Services at Monyhull Church

From September Sunday services will operate as follows. A full note is included below but the most key items are as follows:

- Congregational singing is permitted
- There will be no pre booking of seats and no need to register your attendance in advance
- It is now a legal requirement to wear facemasks inside places of worship. You must wear a face mask unless you are under the age of 11 or have a valid exemption.
- We encourage social distancing while inside the building.
- You can remove your mask if you are sitting having refreshments after the service in the 'hospitality area' of the annexe hall. We encourage everyone to socialise as much as possible outside after the service.

Most of us will be aware of the background to the Governments announcements in particular the following:

- The successful roll-out of Covid vaccinations to adults – although it should be noted that none of the vaccines offer 100% protection and there is clearly a number of people who still contract Covid after having the vaccination.
- The significant increase in cases and the concern around the Omnicron variation.

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- Each of us will have a different set of rules we will want to follow in every aspect of our meeting, for example, how close we are prepared to sit with others, how close we want to stand to others when talking, whether we are happy speaking indoors or only outdoors. Please be considerate and do find out what people are comfortable with and respect other people's views. If you feel someone is doing something you are not happy with e.g. standing too close while talking, please be honest and raise it with them in a polite and respectful manner.
- Take into consideration your personal risk. As already stated, the vaccines do not provide 100% protection. Do take adequate precautions and consider your own risk to serious illness from Covid.
- Communion will continue on Sunday mornings on the first Sunday of the month and on Sunday evenings on the third Sunday of the month. Details of how communion will be served are set out below.
- Sunday morning services will take place at the church at 11am and will be simultaneously live streamed on YouTube.
- There will be two growth groups which will cover age 3 to school year 6..
- There will be creche for under 3's in the Easter room.
- Sunday evening services will take place at the church at 6pm and will be simultaneously livestreamed on YouTube.
- Anyone with symptoms of Covid 19 **MUST NOT** attend.
- Anyone who has just returned from a country where the UK government has required a period of quarantine **MUST NOT** attend.
- Anyone self-isolating awaiting a Covid 19 test result **MUST NOT** attend.
- You must wear a face mask at all times while in the building – unless you have a valid exemption or it is impractical to do so e.g. you are having refreshments after the service in the 'hospitality area' of the annexe hall .
- There will be no formal limit on the number attending. Wherever possible we will maximise the space between rows of seats within the constraints of the number of people attending. We would ask that no-one moves any of the chairs.
- You are able to talk to people while in the building, however, people should bear in mind the risk of transmission inside is much higher than outside.
- You are free to find your own seats. At the end of the service you are free to leave when you are ready – but please be sensible and stagger your exits to help social distancing.
- There is no requirement to book a seat for the service.
- We encourage everyone to sanitise their hands using one of the two hand sanitiser stations.
- All toilets in the church will be accessible and all have hand sanitiser dispensers.
- Depending on the weather, as many doors and windows as possible will be kept open to maximise ventilation. The ceiling fans will also be turned on to encourage the movement of air through the building.

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- The box for the BCM foodbank is available for your donations on a Sunday.
- There is a box in the foyer for various items that are the converted to cash and gifted to Just Caring – items include foreign currency and old mobile phones. For more information on what can be deposited please ask Peter Mountford. All items will be left in the box for at least 72 hours.
- The government is encouraging testing at home using lateral flow tests to try and identify asymptomatic cases quickly. We encourage as many as possible to obtain tests which can be ordered on line or collected from various locations in the city. If people test in the 24 hours before the service it will help reduce the risk of us inadvertently bringing the infection to church.

## Communion

- Bread will be prepared in advance by people wearing gloves and face masks and will be served in individual disposable containers.
- Wine will be served in individual cups. The stewards will distribute the bread and wine and will wear face masks and disposable gloves.
- When the steward approaches please reach out your hand and the steward will place the disposable container or cup into your hand. Once used please take the disposable containers with you and deposit in the bins by the exit and the resusable communion cups can be left at your seat.

## Refreshments

- You can remove your mask if you are sitting having refreshments after the service in the 'hospitality area' of the annexe hall . We encourage everyone to socialise as much as possible outside after the service.
- Tea and coffee will be served following the service from the hatch in the annexe hall. There will be tables in the hall with chairs in groups of 6 for those who want to sit inside.
- Drinks will be served in normal crockery which will have gone through the dishwasher that morning. Servers will use hand sanitiser and wear gloves.,
- Cold drinks for children will be on a trolley by the hatch.

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