

## Our response to the Relaxation of Government Legal restrictions

As restrictions ease, and greater responsibility falls on us as individuals and as a church family, we will continue to make every effort to keep everyone who enters our church building as safe and comfortable as possible.

Having taken advice from both denominations, we will be implementing the following measures. Please read and adhere to these when attending a public act of worship or any church-based activity within the building:

- We will continue to encourage attendees to 'check in' using the NHS Track & Trace QR code or give their name and contact number to the Welcomers on the door.
- We will avoid coming to Church if we have been advised to isolate, have Covid-19 or feel unwell, or have been in contact, or suspect we have been in contact, with anyone who has COVID 19.
- We will continue to distance chairs to give reassurance and continuity (with groups of chairs for families and couples).
- We will introduce, and encourage the use of, a 'traffic light' sticker system as a visual cue to help us all feel safe and at ease:
  - Red (heart): I prefer people to keep socially distanced from me.
  - Amber (star): I am happy to waive social distancing but would like to avoid handshaking or close contact.
  - Green (circle): I may be open to handshaking and a hug with those I know and if it's appropriate.
- We will continue to wear masks **at all times** (unless exempt).
- Singing is now permitted; however, we encourage everyone to **keep their masks on while singing**.
- We will provide a specific area at the rear of church and the balcony for those who are anxious or wish to have extra space.
- We encourage people to move to a different space if they feel uncomfortable at any time during the service...it's not personal and we respect people's need to do this.
- We will continue to use hand sanitiser, clean surfaces etc.
- In the Autumn (pending a review at the beginning of September), we will provide tea and coffee at the end of the service in disposable cardboard cups. **You may wish to bring your own cup.**
- We will continue to ventilate the building as best we can by keeping doors open during services.
- When gathering after the service, please meet outside of the building if possible.

- We will continue to share communion using small cups and will reintroduce the chalice when appropriate.
- Thank you that the majority of the Church family gives financially via regular standing order. We will have a facility to give during the service via the use of the Goodbox for one-off, contactless donations.
- We can car share within the appropriate guidelines. If you would like a lift to church, or you feel able to offer someone a lift, please contact our Transport Co-ordinator, Beth Strefford: [transport@christchurch-clevedon.org.uk](mailto:transport@christchurch-clevedon.org.uk)
- We will continue to reduce, wherever possible, the use of shared documents. Anyone who doesn't yet receive the newsletter by email and would like to be kept up-to-date, please contact the church office or ask a member of your home group / friend or neighbour to print you a copy.
- The weekly talk /sermon will be recorded (audio version) and placed on the website as per pre pandemic.
- We will be facilitating prayer ministry in a safe way.

The Welcome Team will be on hand to advise and reassure you if you have any questions; please follow their directives.

With doors open for ventilation, **parents and carers are reminded that the security and safety of their children remains their responsibility at ALL times (except when they're in one of the children's groups with a group leader on a Sunday morning).**

We will review these measures every four weeks and keep you updated.

Please pray that all these recommendations would allow us to regather in Worship and fellowship in a sustained and appropriate way over the coming weeks and months.

Blessings,

The Leadership Team on behalf of the ECC