



## Recommencing Church Services Policy

22/02/2021

As most of our Congregation have now been vaccinated against Covid-19, we will recommence our Sunday Services at Mill Hill on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March. However, our Wednesday Bible Studies will continue on Zoom until the Government relaxes the Hospitality restrictions (currently planned for 17 May).

Currently the Government's Covid-19 precautions still include the mandatory wearing of face-coverings in Places of Worship—**so those who are unable to wear a face-covering, must not attend our Church activities until these restrictions are eased.** Those with symptoms of Covid-19 or are quarantined, **must not** attend the Church Services until they have completed their isolation period.

We will keep a record of all those who attend each Service for 21 days in accordance with the Government's Covid guidance.

We consider the risk of spreading any infection at our Services as low but manageable due to the following guidelines:

**Hand washing:** We expect everyone to use the provided hand sanitizer when entering the building. Paper towel dispensers are installed in the toilets.

**Contact:** We expect people to keep the recommended distance from each other when they are in the Church building. Any contact closer than the recommended distance, should be less than 15 minutes.

**Seating:** A space of 1.5 metres will be left between each row of chairs. We expect people who are not in the same household or household bubble to leave a space of at least 2 seats between them and the next person.

**Bibles:** We encourage everyone to bring a Bible to Church for their own use.

**Church Offerings and gifts:** Church offerings and gifts can be deposited in the Offering receptacle upon arrival at the Church.

**Communion:** The Communion emblems will be placed on the windowsills for easy access and face-coverings can be removed to enable their consumption.

**Refreshments and meals:** Put on hold until further guidance.

**Cleaning:** Surfaces likely to have been touched by people will be cleaned after each Service. Antibacterial wipes/spray will be provided to clean surfaces in the toilet facilities.

### Policy Agreed

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021