

# Abbots Road United Reformed Church

## Covid Worship Procedures

The Government restrictions state that places of worship, due to their communal nature, makes them places that are particularly vulnerable to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID 19).

Therefore, to facilitate the intended re-opening of Abbot's Road on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and in keeping with COVID guidelines as outlined by the Government roadmap and the Synod Moderators. The Elders have agreed the following procedures to ensure the well-being of all. These must be adhered to for worship to continue regularly and as COVID circumstances allow.

- Before attending worship, you will need to register by the Friday of each week. Please telephone Dorothy Russell on the following number 0116 4311540.
- Any information you give us will only be kept for 21 days in line with data protection guidelines.
- Our capacity is 30, therefore we will be operating a waiting list, priority will be given to those who have been unable to worship with us, in any form, since lockdown.
- If you are unable to attend, please try and give 24 hours' notice, this will enable us to ask another person on the list to attend.
- You are encouraged not to car share, except with those of your household or a person in your bubble.
- Please only bring the minimum of personal possessions and keep them with you at all times.
- The only entrance to the church will be in Cardinal's walk.
- On arrival, maintain social distancing but please be patient. The Stewards will guide you at all times.
- On arrival the steward will advise on "Track & Trace"
- Except for those who are exempt for medical reasons, masks must be worn at all times. If you arrive without a mask, one will be provided for you.
- There will be facilities available to sanitise your hands.
- Please sign in when you arrive.
- There will be a box available near the entrance of the church for your freewill offerings. Any offerings must be in an envelope please.
- Ventilation is a must, so please wrap up if the weather is cold.
- There will be a one-way system in place, and seats will be set out two metres apart. The Stewards will be able to assist you, so please follow their guidance.

- The worship will be restricted to 30 minutes.
- No singing is allowed and we are limited to having only low-level music.
- No Bibles or hymn books will be available, except on the lectern.
- Toilet facilities will be restricted to the disabled toilet in the vestibule. After every use a steward will clean and sanitise the toilet.
- Please remain in the Church and not wander to the other rooms or toilets in the building. This is to avoid extra cleaning and sanitising.
- No refreshments will be served after worship and socialising before and after the service is not permitted.
- We encourage you to have a LFT (Lateral Flow Test) before coming to church.
- If you or anyone you have been in contact with recently has experienced any Covid 19 symptoms, please do not attend worship.
- Please be kind to one another. There will be people who have different views, feelings and anxieties in regard to Covid.
- An alternative act of worship will be available for those who have access to Zoom
- These procedures are subject to change at short notice. They will remain in place until 21st June, when they will be reviewed by the Elders.

We are all eager to worship with our friends once again. The safest way to do this is by keeping to the guidance in place. Keeping safe is everyone's responsibility. As you will understand, the Elders have taken every precaution to ensure your safety and keep you COVID free, but there is still an element of risk.



Rev Martin Ferris  
Signed on behalf of the Elders & Minister