

Guidance for People Attending Gatherings at Wem Baptist Church

We are looking forward to welcoming people back into the Wem Baptist Church building and have put special precautions in place to keep everyone safe during this coronavirus pandemic. Please follow these guidelines to protect everyone's health.

- Please do not attend if you currently have any symptoms of coronavirus. (The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or changes to your smell or taste.) If you have any of these symptoms you must get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible and immediately self-isolate.
- Children are always welcome at Wem Baptist Church. We would ask parents/guardians to be responsible for supervising them and to ensure they follow hygiene and social distancing precautions.
- We recognise that there are some in our church community who are at particular risk and especially vulnerable. In considering whether to attend, please seek relevant government and medical advice, as well as the wisdom of family and friends. For those not currently able to attend we will do all that we can to include you in other ways, eg online church, phone calls etc.
- We are required to take the names and addresses of everyone who attends the building and keep this information to enable contact tracing by the NHS if necessary. The records will be kept securely and destroyed after 21 days. If you become ill after the event, you must contact NHS track and trace to advise them that you have attended worship at Wem Baptist Church.

Our Key Safety Rules for those Attending Meetings and Services

- 1) **ARRIVING.** So that queues don't form we ask you to arrive at least ten minutes before the Service/meeting begins. If there are people ahead of you please wait patiently in line.
- 2) **FACE COVERINGS.** Current guidance is that face coverings should be worn by people attending a church service/meeting. The usual exemptions apply, but we strongly advise you to wear a suitable face covering when inside the church. If you have forgotten to bring your face covering with you, there will be disposable masks available for you to use.
- 3) **ENTRY.** Immediately on entry to the building your temperature will be taken by a member of the Welcome Team using an infra-red thermometer. You will then be asked to wash and sanitise your hands using the free standing hand wash unit and automatic dispenser and give your name and contact details, if we do not already have them.
- 4) **SEATING.** Please sit in the seats you are directed to. We ask that you remain in your seat during the service/meeting, unless instructed to do so by the Welcome team.
- 5) **TOILETS.** If you need to use the toilet then please speak to a member of the Welcome Team who will direct you. We have designated the first floor toilet as the Primary Toilet for use. If you feel unwell at any point during the service /meeting, please advise a member of the Welcome Team and leave the building as quickly as possible to seek medical advice.
- 6) **LEAVING.** At the end of the service/meeting we would ask you to remain in your seat until directed to leave by a member of the Welcome Team. You will be asked to sanitise your hands again on leaving.

We recognise that for the time being our services and meetings are going to look and feel very different, without any singing, communal time, and very limited numbers. However, alongside these smaller gatherings we will continue meeting online and finding many other ways of fellowshiping and worshipping together.

Wherever you find us – online or in a building – we look forward to welcoming you.

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