

## Welcome to St Johns Hill URC for worship in May 2021

This note is intended to advise you about the measures already put into place when coming to church for worship during this unprecedented time of Covid-19 restrictions. Many of the following points will be known but are included as a reminder and prepare us all to keep us, and others, as safe as we can. We must follow the guidance from the URC nationally and from the Government; some is mandatory but much is just common sense. So, what will it be like?

We are fortunate that our sanctuary is on the first floor so we can separate our own use of the premises from the ground floor which is being used throughout the week by the Lodge Nursery and occasionally by the NHS Blood & Transplant teams.

### ACCESS

Please be aware that the church premises includes both external and internal areas so please respect the 2m 'social distance' rule at all times.

- As it is a legal requirement, please do wear a mask unless you are excused for medical reasons
- For all wishing to attend worship, entry can ONLY be via the front glass doors
- There will be a steward to welcome you and provide assistance, if required, respecting social distancing at all times.
- EVERYONE must use the sanitisers provided and then sign in using the NHS App or giving contact details *to the steward*. An Attendance Register is kept to support the Test & Trace programme.
- **Using the lift - please note** that only 1 person, household or 'bubble' can use the lift at a time.
- If you do not need the lift please use the stairs, keeping to the right following the arrows and maintaining the social distance required at the time. The handrails will have been sanitised in the morning before you arrive.



- THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE DOWNSTAIRS TOILETS.

### Upstairs and in the sanctuary:

- As Services will be Live Streamed to our YouTube channel you may appear on the video due to part of the congregational area being covered by the camera.
- A steward will direct you to a suitable available seat – sorry, but you will get no free choice! Individual seats will be 2m apart with provision for couples, family groups and allowable 'bubbles' to sit together. (2m = 4 chairs, so individuals, couples or groups need to leave 4 chairs between themselves and others) We have a maximum capacity of about 30, depending how many groups attend.



*LEFT HAND side seating available for couples and groups RIGHT HAND side seating available for groups or single seats at each end.  
Single seating is also available along each side wall.*

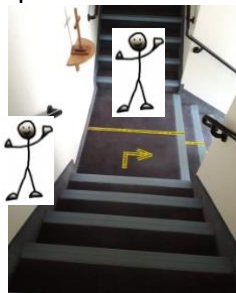
- Bibles & Hymn books have been removed for your safety - everything will be projected on the screens.
- PLEASE DO NOT ALTER THE REVISED CHAIR LAYOUT OR REMOVE THE SEAT CARDS in order to maintain safe social distancing
- Children are asked to stay with their family group during intergenerational services and at the beginning of other services.
- Sunday Club will resume activities in the halls downstairs from 30<sup>th</sup> May onwards.
- SADLY, AT PRESENT, WE CANNOT SING HYMNS OUT LOUD as a congregation - but we can hum and reflect on the words!
- PLEASE NOTE - there will be no traditional 'taking of the offertory' during the service but we have simple arrangements available for accepting cash or envelopes at the back of the sanctuary at the end of the service. Online donations are preferred.
- If you need the toilet please use the unisex accessible toilet facility at the top of the main stairs; a new electric hand dryer has been installed.

### **AT THE END OF THE SERVICE**

- Sadly, we cannot serve tea or coffee, nor gather around the round tables for chatting
- Stewards will guide you to the exit in an orderly fashion back out towards the front glass doors keeping to the right, or to the lift if you need it. There is a large taped box area on the floor at the back of the church by the double doors. As this door serves both ingress and egress please wait by the box, respecting social distancing until it is clear to pass through to the main lobby to descend the stairs on the right.



- Please be aware that the last steps down are a dual way. If another person is coming the opposite way please wait on the last step before the dual way system until the way is clear.



- Please use the hand sanitiser upon exiting the building
- Once outside please remember to maintain social distancing as you leave the premises.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

*Places of worship, along with other establishments, are required to operate a test & trace system. For those who are able to use their smart phone there will be a 'Q card' displayed at the main ground floor entrance to the Sanctuary. Details on how to use this facility will be available online.  
For those not familiar with or wishing to use this application the stewards can take contact details.*

*The steward will have a list printed with the names and contact details of the 'membership' so that all that needs to be done is to tick against the name in the column. Visitors' details can be entered in additional blank columns. A Consent Form will need to be completed.*