

## Short Weekly Services starting Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am

Hello Everyone,

At last we can start to meet in church for worship although these are difficult times so church will not look quite the same. Below are a few of the safeguarding measures against Covid 19 which we have had to put in place to make certain we are all safe. They are all based on Guidance from the Government and the Methodist Church

- Please put on your face mask **before you enter**. It must be worn until **after you exit**. Only the person leading the service does not have to wear one. Bible readers or other leaders may remove their masks whilst helping to lead their part of the service.
- We all need to enter through the **front entrance** to church. Please maintain social distance if there is a slight queue as you arrive. Only the stewards can use the side door. The doors into the Wesley Centre must remain locked.



- On entering the porch there will be screens set up to facilitate a **one-way system**. These screens and other places will have posters which the Government asks us to display. You will be guided into church where you must first **sanitise** your hands. **Please maintain social distancing**.

- To help the Government to Test and Trace please fill in the register, hopefully using your own pen. However, a steward will be there to assist.

We are not allowed to send offertory bags round so please place any offerings in the bowl near Test and Trace

- Then go into church following the  one way system and sit in the chairs which will be socially distanced. Move chairs to sit together if you are a household.
- The toilets off the corridor will be cleaned and can be used but if possible please try to avoid using them to cut down on the cleaning.
- Enjoy the service. Please note that there cannot be any congregational singing or loud responses to prayers or shaking hands for the peace. The service can only last 30-40 minutes

- After the service a steward will ask you to leave **individually**. Go out via the door by the pulpit, turn left along the corridor and out through the other side of the screen in the front porch. **Please maintain social distancing**. If you have limited mobility please leave, after the steward has asked you, via the way you came in (to avoid a long walk along the corridor)

- Please **sanitise** your hands again before you leave



- When you leave **please** move away from the entrance to the porch so that others can leave after you, and still **maintain social distancing**

Sadly the Methodist Church asks us not to have refreshments after the service nor chat to each other (except outside and at a social distance). However we can still worship God together and feel a sense of fellowship. (Thanks the Stewards)

