

Hadfield Methodist Church re-opening guidance

We are delighted to announce that Hadfield Methodist Church is re-opening on Sunday 2nd August at 10:30am and to invite you come and join us in our worship. Unfortunately, circumstances dictate that we cannot share fellowship as freely as we all would wish and we hope that the compromises we ask you to make are understandable, as they are in the best interests of us all in fighting the Coronavirus and ensuring that infection rates stay down.

Before coming to the service:

- If you feel ill, we ask that you do not attend church;
- If you are in the shielding or self-isolation categories, it's OK to go out and about from 1st August, but the Government advises that you stay at home as much as possible and keep interactions outside to a minimum;
- The same applies if you are in one of the vulnerable categories such as someone over the age of 70 or someone with respiratory problems;
- Guidance for families with young children, infants and babies:
 - Please note we only have capacity for one family so be aware that if more than one family attends you may be told you cannot attend when you arrive;
 - If you have young children, there is an area set aside for you to sit in and you may bring books and/or toys to use; unfortunately at this time we cannot provide any;
 - If you have babies, please beware that the toilet does not have a baby changing mat and you are asked to bring your own;
 - If you have older children who are able to sit quietly, then you can all sit with the congregation and do not have to use the children's area (and the one family rule does not therefore apply);
- Overall the church has limited capacity due to social distancing rules, so you may be told it is full and can choose to sit downstairs (where the PA system will broadcast the service) or choose not to attend;
- Please aim to arrive around 10 minutes before the service, and be aware that we will have a queuing system to let people in one at a time.

During the service we ask:

- Please remain seated throughout the service, unless directed otherwise by the leader, or you need to use the toilet (see below);
- Do not turn your chairs around to face one another, or move them;
- During spoken responses, do not raise your voice;

- If we have any hymns, these will be played to us for us to listen to: please do not sing;
- Please use the service sheets provided and take them away with you at the end of the service. If you want to bring a Bible and / or hymn book please feel free to do so, but you must take it away with you afterwards;
- If you need to go to the toilet during the service please stay in your seat until the toilet is unoccupied as there is a strict one in / one out rule (there is a sign on the wall – please set it to Engaged when you enter and Vacant when you leave);
- Please do not use the kitchen or stairwells;
- There are various signs and information posters around the church, please do make sure you read them and follow instructions;
- If you feel ill during the service you must leave immediately (and you should then call the 111 service for advice); however if you are incapacitated please let a steward know so that we can take you to an isolation area while you wait to be collected.

At the end of the service we ask:

- Please do not congregate for a chat, but leave church following instructions, one at a time;
- If you want to have a chat with friends, we suggest that you could do this on the way home keeping socially distanced;
- We may sometimes be able to invite you to someone's garden where you can enjoy socially distanced chat;

A Steward will direct you to a seat and we will try fill up the church from the back first.

The Government Test and Trace scheme requires us to keep a record of those who attend, so you may be asked for contact details if we don't already have them. You can opt out of this – let us know if that is your wish.

At present the advice for face coverings/masks is that they do help to prevent spread of the virus so in enclosed spaces it is a good idea to wear one, but not yet a requirement; however we do advise that face coverings should be worn (unless you are exempt, e.g. children under 11, disability). Our stewards will be wearing face coverings.

Once again, we are sorry that worship cannot resume under completely free and open circumstances, and we ask you to bear with us and to abide by the guidelines that enable us to keep you and everyone as safe as possible.