

# LANGLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear Langley Chapel Congregation,

As you know we have been working on a plan to be able to safely convene together in our Chapel. The rising incidence of Covid across the country and in Cheshire East has temporarily put the plan on hold. We are very keen to share with everyone what precautions have been put in place in the chapel following our thorough risk assessment activity AND to understand how many people may wish to come to chapel given these precautions.

The new operating procedures for chapel involve, but are not restricted to, the following:

- a one way entrance and exit process, with social distancing rules in place
- ... - the requirement to wear a face mask whilst inside chapel
- the requirement to hand sanitise on entry and exit
- your attendance will be recorded and retained for 21 days. You may also use the QR code.
- two metre distanced seating arrangements throughout the chapel with seats clearly marked and a number of pews therefore not in use
- no access to any other rooms in the chapel buildings except for access to chapel and to the disabled toilet
- one toilet only in use with clear instructions on surface wiping after use
- the chapel will only be used for a Sunday service ie empty both 72 hours before and after the service
- there will be two 'ushers', led by a lead steward who will guide people in and out of the chapel and their seats, all socially distanced
- no singing by the congregation is allowed
- service to be no more than 45 minutes (aiming for 30 minutes)
- refreshments will not be available

This may sound very limiting and to some degree it is but we must ensure we keep people safe should they choose to attend a service.

We would like to hear from EVERYONE about whether they would like to attend a service under this approach, obviously to enable this to happen we also need two additional people and a steward at every service to guide people in and out, again if you would be willing to do this please say.

Phone 01260 252745, 07943328715 or email [alan01.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:alan01.chapman@gmail.com). Or speak to any steward.

We will take the responses to the Church council on Monday 12 October together with our recommendation on reopening.

Many thanks,

Alan, Andrew & Debbie