

Dear church family,

We are very much looking forward to being able to meet again in person from September. As explained already, this will look very different to our normal meetings, due to current restrictions. We are keen to welcome everyone to join in however they feel comfortable, wishing not to exclude anyone. However, we must also do all that we can to keep everybody safe and reduce the risk of transmission of the virus.

In light of this, we would like to advise you of the **following recommendations**.

Firstly, for the time being, we recommend that the following groups of people continue to join us online instead of returning to the church building:

- Those over the age of 70 years old
- Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: those with severe respiratory conditions, people with specific cancers, and those who are immunosuppressed). Please see government guidelines for further information on this

We would like to add that we are providing these recommendations in order that everybody can make an informed decision about whether you will attend.

If you fall into one of these categories we would love to welcome you to meet with us but we would encourage you to assess for yourself whether it's safe for you to do so.

Secondly, for your own safety and the safety of the wider church family, we will not be able to allow the following groups to access the church building but request that you continue to join us online please:

- Anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19 (e.g. a new continuous cough, fever, or recent change in your loss of sense of taste or smell), or who lives in the same household
- Anyone who has been asked to self-isolate via track and trace because of contact with someone who has been confirmed to have the virus
- Anyone who is not wearing a face mask (unless you are clinically exempt from wearing one). However, we will have a supply of face masks if you forget one

We realise this is far from ideal for many, and we look forward to when we can all meet together again. These recommendations will be regularly reviewed, to remain in line with government guidance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Sprouse or any member of the project restart team.

Please also visit the government website for further details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

In Christ,

Project Restart Team