

COVID-19 Guidance – Hyde Street Chapel (July 2021)

Dear Friends,

The government has now lifted all legal restrictions on public worship. We rejoice at this and for God's faithful keeping of the church through this difficult time.

We are keen to return to full corporate worship, including the singing of praise but we also recognise that we have a continued responsibility to protect the wellbeing and safety of our church family and to maintain a good witness to the surrounding community.

If it is your intention to attend the church in person on a Sunday or midweek, please pay close attention to the instructions below.

We want everyone to be welcome and feel safe at our meetings. Therefore, please do be mindful of the people around you and respect their views and wishes.

Health & Wellbeing

- We expect all attendees to continue to observe good hand hygiene by using hand sanitiser regularly and following the safe practices already in place when using the toilet facilities.
- Please do not come to church if you have been told to isolate via Test and Trace or the NHS app.
- If you have a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, or a bad cold/headache, please do not attend the chapel. If you feel unwell during the service, please go home immediately.
- We will continue to ensure that the chapel is well ventilated by keeping windows and doors open whenever possible.

Social Distancing

- There are no restrictions on social distancing but we would ask people to be sensible, to limit physical contact and to be mindful of others.
- There will be no allocated seating but people are asked to leave at least one empty chair between households, unless both parties have agreed otherwise.
- Chairs will continue to be spaced to provide additional distance between rows.

Face Masks

- There is no longer a requirement to wear face masks or coverings in the chapel. However, if people do wish to wear a mask at any point before, during or after the services they are welcome to do so.
- Everyone is encouraged to continue wearing masks when talking to each other in close proximity indoors before and after the service, and to maintain a respectful distance.

Worship

- We will be returning to singing hymns as part of worship. We hope that people will feel able to participate and we have maintained the distance between rows and

ventilation to support this. People are at liberty to wear a mask whilst singing if they wish and everyone is encouraged to sing joyfully but thoughtfully.

- Hymn books will be provided. At the end of each service, please leave your hymn book on the chairs and these will be collected and quarantined for 72 hours to reduce any risk. Please do not return hymn books to the shelves in the foyer.

Hygiene

- The building will be cleaned and sanitised after each service. The side room will also be cleaned between Sunday School and the main service.
- Sanitiser dispensers have been placed in the foyer, the toilet block, and the kitchen. Please take care to use the hand sanitiser on arrival before entering the main hall, and when leaving the premises.
- When using the toilet facilities please read the instructions displayed outside before use and follow these carefully to minimise the risk to yourself and others. Please leave the outer door to the toilet block wedged open to assist with ventilation.
- The kitchen will be available for general use but people are asked to maintain good hygiene in this space. It is still encouraged that people bring their own drinks bottles but if crockery is used from the kitchen, please ensure that these are washed in hot soapy water after use.
- All attendees are strongly encouraged to bring their own bible. A small selection of bibles for visitors will be available in the foyer and any that have been used will be cleaned and put into quarantine after each service.

Other

- A record will be maintained of all attendees for Track and Trace purposes. Visitors should be willing to provide contact details to one of the stewards on arrival and their information will be kept for 21 days and then securely disposed of.
- People are reminded of the option to use a Lateral Flow Test prior to attending church meetings. This is not a requirement of attendance but can help reduce the risk of infection to others.
- If you would like to give towards the Lord's work at HSC we would encourage you to continue using online methods of payment. The offertory box will be available, primarily for visitors, and will be opened only by the treasurer or other nominated individual (taking necessary precautions).
- Sunday services will continue to be broadcast live (and recorded) via the church's Youtube channel (and possibly Facebook in the future) for those who are unable to attend meetings in person. Video and audio recordings will be posted to Youtube and the church website respectively. A link to our Youtube channel can be found at the top of the Sermons page on the church website (<https://www.hydestreetchapel.org/sermons>).

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in these arrangements. Please take them seriously. They will be kept under review as and when the infection rate falls. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mike Gething or our Pastor on hydestchapel@gmail.com.