

Dear members and friends of Belper Central Methodist Church,

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The Church council has approved the re-opening of the church for Sunday worship commencing on Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, subject to the Covid pandemic not worsening.

The doors will be opened at 10.15 am. for a service commencing at 10.45 am.

The risk assessment prepared in 2020 continues to be a robust document and complies with current Government and Methodist regulations, which we shall continue to monitor.

We understand that not everyone will wish to return in the current climate and we would advise caution and the exercise of your own judgement if you feel vulnerable or have particular health concerns.

We want to welcome as many as possible but we have to advise that **you should not come if:**

- **you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)**
- **you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus**
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive**
- **someone in your support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive**

The measures being implemented are those which were in place when we opened briefly in October 2020 and will include:

- **A service not exceeding 45mins and, unfortunately, no singing.**
- **All able bodied people to enter by the front door. There will be restricted access at the side door.**
- **Hand sanitizing on entry and exit. A temperature check on entry.**
- **A register of attendance taken for contact tracing purposes.**
- **Wearing of face masks - *We will have masks available on the door but it is helpful if you have your own.***
- **A one way system around the church to minimize crossing of paths and closer contact.**
- **Distanced seating arrangements – *Keeping to guidelines from the Rule of 6.***
- **A limited toilet facility – *but we would ask you to prepare yourself for the shorter service and only use the church toilet if absolutely necessary.***
- **Children who attend must be supervised by parents at all times. *Unfortunately the use of church toys will not be allowed – children can bring their own books and toys.***
- **Spacing requirements limit the number of seats available and access will be denied to anyone arriving after the capacity limit is reached.**

Various other restrictions may also be in place but we hope people will understand the current need for these measures which we will ask everyone to respect. We look forward to seeing all who feel able to attend.

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