

## Introduction

We give thanks to God that we are now permitted to open our buildings for prayer and worship. In order to do this, there are a number of changes that have by necessity been introduced to make the activity as safe as it can be for everyone. As we do move back to some form of worship in our buildings it is important to remember that this will not be getting back to normal.

First and foremost, we need to acknowledge that not everyone will be there, whether that is because some people still need to shield, or because we just can't fit everyone in with social distancing. As a family we need to pause and hold together the pain of that; the thing we long for most is being back together and although this cannot happen now, it will come. We are working hard to ensure that the worship we offer continues to draw us together as one, no matter where we are.

Secondly, worship will be different. Although we can say that we won't be singing to start with, we are still working on the finer detail of how we will make it work and will let you know in due course.

This leaflet however is aimed at ensuring we all know what is expected of us as we come back into the building and we need to start by highlighting when you need to stay away.

## Do not attend church if...

Please do not come to church if you have symptoms of:

 a fever	 sore throat/ new cough
 loss of taste	 loss of smell

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## Arriving at church



You may find that the entrance to the church building has been changed. All locations will be maintaining social distancing of **2 metres**. We are aware that this may be distressing for those of us who might want to embrace a Brother or Sister in Christ. This may become possible in the future, but not for the time being.



We are asking you to use a face covering/mask on arrival. Please do try and bring a face covering with you although we will have a limited stock available.



Please carry out hand hygiene on entry. A volunteer steward will be on hand to point you in the right direction.

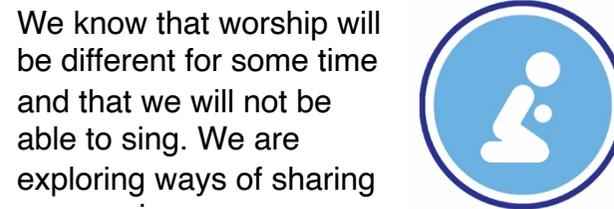
We will be asking you to put your name and telephone number on a form so that contact tracing can be carried out if necessary. This information will be kept securely for 21 days and then shredded.



We will then ask you to carry out hand hygiene again before entering the church.



Seats in the church will be set out at the recommended distance apart. We are requesting that chairs are not moved about. Fixed pews and seats will be clearly marked if not in use.



We know that worship will be different for some time and that we will not be able to sing. We are exploring ways of sharing communion and this may be “in one kind” (just using bread). We will also need you to speak the Lord’s Prayer quietly and we won’t be sharing the peace or sharing in fellowship after the service for some time.

## Leaving church



Once you are ready to leave the building you should follow the directions of the stewards to the hand hygiene point where once again, we ask that you use the sanitiser provided.

This is unfortunately the “New Normal” for now but not forever.

## What if I can't get back?

No-one should feel under any pressure to return to church. We realise that some people will continue to shield and stay at home and, in some of the buildings, it may not be possible to accommodate everyone. We will therefore continue to send out Notice Sheets and stream a Morning Worship on [YouTube](#) on our channel [kl.church](#)

