

Living Faith Church Reopening Plan



PRAYER MEETING: Thursday 23rd July 10.00am – 12.00noon

EVENING SERVICE: Sunday 2nd August 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Please find below a range of measures we intend to implement to make Living Faith Church as safe and accessible as possible for you when we reopen.

The church trustees have completed a full risk assessment of the site and have followed government guidelines throughout.

In the first instance the church will open for individual quiet prayer, then a wider opening will be phased in to introduce smaller services, starting with a Sunday evening.

It is of extreme importance that you follow the guidelines in order to keep the risk of spread of infection to a minimum.



The church will be able to cater for up to 30 people at any one service or prayer time.

In order to limit the contact of people in the building seats will be allocated on arrival for prayer time / however a booking system may be put in place for Sunday services dependent on demand.

Social distancing measures have been followed and pews will be allocated to individuals, pairs and family groups.

There will be a one-way system in place outside and within the main church building.

The layout of the church has been organised to separate people within one to two metres, allowing for walkways to be kept clear.

Disabled persons attending prayer will be given priority access and an usher will be available to direct you to your seat.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

It's my great pleasure to offer everyone a warm welcome back to physical services at Living Faith Church, in the very near future.

The Lord spoke to us in January and at that time I shared with you that Sunday March 22nd would mark a change of emphasis for the church. It was from that date that we planned for more people to be involved in exercising their gifts for the kingdom, little did we realize how dramatic the changes would be.

We are so thankful to serve God who speaks to us so clearly, what a wonderful Saviour we have! Let's keep our focus on God, his plans for our lives and church.

God has called us and we know that: 'we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them' (Ephesians 2:10).

Every Blessing Pastor Steve

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TO CHURCH

Arrival at the building will be through the front car park. You will be asked to wait (1 metre plus apart) on the markings on the path in front of the church.

- Departure will be staggered to avoid unnecessary contact.
- Access to the church will be through the main front doors. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival.

Contact Details:

 Once in the building you will be asked for contact details. These details will only be used for internal use and not shared with any other party. They may be used to contact you if a person shows symptoms and in order to track and trace, and to inform people of testing procedures as advised by Public Health England. Once you are seated in the church we will ask that you remain in your seats, please.

Food and Drink:

- You must not take food or drinks in to the church building.
- A bottle of water may be brought with you, if required, but you must take this with you at the end of the prayer time / service.

Toilets:

- Toilets may be used only if really necessary.
- Only one person must access the toilet at any one time.

Fire, Fire!

If you are alerted of a fire, please leave the building by the nearest exit and make your way to the front car park (staying social distanced) to be accounted for.

Children

As always Living Faith Church welcomes children.
Parents MUST supervise them throughout the service, and children MUST stay in their seats at all times!

CLEANING

There will be people cleaning the church throughout the day. Surfaces and touch points will be disinfected and wiped down regularly.

- Toilets will be cleaned regularly before and after services.
- Entrances to the church (door handles etc) will be cleaned regularly at the end of the prayer sessions / services.
- Pew fronts and ends will be cleaned at the beginning and end of each session / service and other areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Sound Desk and Lights

1 person will be nominated to use the sound desk and lighting during each prayer time / service and this will be cleaned after each use. Please do not touch the controls in this area at any time.

Personal Belongings

Please keep personal belongings to a minimum and do not place coats over the pew in front of you.

Phones must be kept on silent.

COVID protocol:

If any person develops symptom of COVID-19 such as; a fever, a cough (new and persistent), sore throat, fast breathing, loss of taste or smell the following procedure should be followed:

- You should go home immediately
- Seek medical advice
- Please inform the church of your symptoms and then later of the outcomes of your test.
- You must now self-isolate for 7 days and your family for 14 days.
- If a test confirms that you have COVID-19 you must stay at home and remain in isolation. NHS test and trace will call for information on recent contacts. At this point they should contact the church to find out who has been in contact and they may be advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

PPE / Masks:

 There is no requirement to wear a mask in church, this is down to individual choice.

Hymn Books and Bibles:

- Due to the government guidance hymn books will not be in use and unfortunately singing will not be allowed at this stage.
- We would encourage you to bring your own bible as church bibles can't be shared.

Tithes and Offerings:

- We would encourage this to be done via direct debit.
- However, if this is not possible a collection box will be placed at the door way for you to post your offerings in.

Office:

• The public must not access this space at any time.

We trust in the Lord that even with these restrictions in place you will have a wonderful experience being in God's house.

Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always, even to the end of time."