

## Important Information about returning to our Church building

On Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sep, we will return to worshipping on Sunday mornings in Culcheth Methodist Church. We have been preparing carefully to ensure we can return safely and look after each other and we look forward to welcoming you and seeing each other. Please read the information below so that you know what to do and what to expect when you come. Remember, “Hands, Face, Space” – wash and sanitize your hands, wear a face covering and keep 2m distance.

To start with, we will be opening on Sunday mornings only, and the “dial in” service we have been listening to will be projected onto the screen, with video as well as sound. This means that if you wish to remain at home, you can still hear the same service, on the same telephone number we have been using. The service will start at 10.30am and will last 30-40 minutes.



## Booking In



We will have a maximum of 30 people in the church each week (subject to final confirmation). This means that if you wish to attend, you will need to “book” your place. On the Culcheth page of the Leigh and Hindley circuit website, there will be a link to a simple page where you can type in your name and select the date you want to come. It will only let you book if there are still spaces available.

Go to <https://www.leighandhindley.org.uk/churches/culcheth/culcheth.html>, or ask a friend to do it for you. If you’d prefer, call Viv Briney on 01925 764249 or David Ogilvy on 01925 766536 and they can book you in.

When you arrive at church, a Steward will tick your name on the list, to make sure we know who was there in case of track and trace needs. If you haven’t booked, there may not be a seat available.

## Arriving at Church

If you have any symptoms or don’t feel well, please look after yourself and others and stay at home – you can still call the dial in service from home.

Please wear a face covering and sanitize your hands at the entrance. Keep 2m apart at all times – this means if you both stretch out your arms, you would not touch. You may need to wait while people in front of you find their seats. A steward will show you where to sit, so that we keep at a safe distance from each other.



If you need to use the toilet, the disabled and gents toilets are available. Speak to a steward so we can ensure 1 in - 1 out.

Please keep coats/bags with you in Church, we will not have access to the hooks or through the door to the kitchen. If you think you might want a drink, please bring one with you.

Doors will be left open to maximise the fresh air. This may mean it will get chilly – please dress appropriately!

During the service the preachers and hymns will be projected onto the screen. Unfortunately singing is not allowed, although there are no rules against humming!

### **At the end of the service**

We will leave through the new fire exit at the front of the church, please follow the stewards' instructions. Sadly, we cannot stay and chat. There will be no tea or coffee after the service, and we ask you to remember as you leave that the maximum number of people allowed to gather outside is 6. Please don't congregate outside afterwards.

If you have not set up a standing order and wish to donate, there will be a collection tin as you leave at the fire exit.

We hope to follow this opening by allowing the "getting together" groups to use the building too but will take it one step at a time. All our measures are subject to change to keep up with the changing guidelines.

If you wish to see the full strategy document and risk assessment, or if you have any questions, please ask one of the stewards. Many thanks to Phil Harrison, our Covid Co-ordinator, for all his work on understanding the needs and co-ordinating our preparations.