

## To our Church Family

### Sunday Services:

#### **From Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July:**

Following the change in restrictions from this Sunday our in-building church services will also change.

As the leadership of the church, our PCC, we want to be able to give us as full an opportunity to meet with God and each other but ensure that, out of our love for God and each other, we keep each other as safe as possible. There are a range of opinions on how we should respond to the lifting of restrictions, but we should unite around the command of Jesus to love one another.

#### **We will restart our 8 o'clock communion service for this coming Sunday.**

We will encourage hand sanitisation and face masks to protect each other, and the typical smaller number at this service will offer a natural social distance.

The service will be much as the style of pre-pandemic, that is, a simple liturgy and no singing. Communion will be distributed individually and by intinction (dipping) to minimise risk of infection.

#### **Our 9.30 service will continue as it has through recent weeks with some key changes.**

We will continue to encourage hand sanitisation, the wearing of face masks and although all the chairs will be returned, we will encourage all to respect distance such as the other person wishes to maintain.

We will allow singing, though initially this will be along to the videos – we hope to see our worship bands return live in September.

The service will no longer be ticketed as numbers have not yet presented a problem.

Kid's Church will not happen until September, but resources will be made available as has typically been the case through previous summer holidays.

#### **7 o'clock (707)**

Currently, this will remain live on Zoom until September.

#### **We will continue online videos and our Paper Service.**

#### **From Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September:**

Assuming there are no other changes in the restrictions to which we need to respond, from the beginning of September we will make further changes.

#### **We will Livestream our 9.30 service.**

With the worship band now operating from the building we will begin live streaming with this recording available on catch-up, for those unable to attend because of illness, feeling unsafe, self-isolating, geographically distant, or for whom the timing is otherwise inconvenient.

The Paper Service will move to the week following the Sunday, rather than its current release the week before.

We will continue to monitor the situation and respond to the best our ability to enable us, in responding to God's love, to grow deeper in God and larger in mission. Please be praying with us as we seek to move forwards. If you have any questions, please do ask.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Many of us were previously involved serving God and our family in enabling Sunday services to happen. Some of us will want to begin helping again, and others may also now want to join a team. Opportunities to be involved include: stewarding, Bible reading, leading prayers, assisting our kids' team, creche, tea and coffee making, and running our audio-visual equipment. Training can be given and if you would like to know more, contact Matt, [cogsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cogsoffice@gmail.com) or Howard, 01420 563344.

Yours Howard, for and on behalf of our PCC.