

CHESHAM METHODIST CHURCH GUIDANCE FOR WORSHIP

Here are a few things to bear in mind when we attend Morning Worship at CMC, in line with all current government guidance, and safety for all of us.

1. Please do not attend morning worship if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or a raised temperature. **Masks covering mouth and nose must be worn unless exemptions apply.** Exemptions are listed on the weekly notice sheet and on the foyer noticeboard.
2. Government guidance on social distancing, 2metres, outside the building, in the foyer and aisles of worship area is being observed.
3. Entering by the front doors, please leave 2metres between you and the next person using the doorway/foyer. (Distancing marks are on the floor). Once inside the building please keep that social distance between you and the person nearest you. Greeting each other in physical ways is still not permissible.
4. The only toilets available are those off the foyer. Please do observe notices about social distancing and strict handwashing. If you need an adapted toilet, a steward will direct you.
5. There will be a Test and Trace sheet to tick, recording those present at the service. This record, kept by the duty steward, will be destroyed after 21 days.
6. There will be hand sanitiser in the lobby area for you to use as you enter (and exit). Please make your way into the church, filling front seats first. A steward will be there to guide you.
7. The chairs in the worship area are physically distanced at 1+ metres. Chairs **NOT** marked with coloured tape are available for use, with some paired for those in the same household. A steward will be on hand to direct you.
8. Unfortunately we are not able to make provision for Junior Church activities. If you are bringing children to church you are welcome to bring books and colouring pencils for their use.
9. Please be aware under current government restrictions there will be no singing at the service – but sharing in spoken responses is allowed. We will have hymns to listen to; these have been pre-recorded. All doors will be open during the service and no fans in use.
10. Words for the service will be projected via the AV screens. However, Hymn books and Worship books will be available in the seat backs for you to read if you wish. Please replace them immediately after the service. (Books are safe to use after 72 hours. The premises will be cleaned after that.) If you print anything from the website to use, do please remember to take it home.
11. We are grateful to those who now make their offering to the church via the bank. If you wish to bring an envelope or cash, please drop it in the plate/basket provided as you enter or leave the worship area. The service will include a dedication prayer and a steward will remove the offertory after the service.
12. The service will end with a Blessing followed by a brief quiet time for personal prayer, or perhaps organ music. A steward will ask you to leave the church, one row at a time, starting from the back. (The minister will also indicate this).
13. Government guidelines state worshippers should not linger in the building after the service (so no coffee - until restrictions ease). We would encourage folk to leave church promptly. Conversations are, of course, permitted in the open air - in small, socially distanced groups.

The CMC Leadership Team has approved the current CMC Risk Assessment document, to be reviewed/updated as necessary. The current document is on the CMC web site www.cheshammethodist.org.uk; with a hard copy in the foyer. We are working hard to keep everyone safe.