

## **Instructions for people attending worship services at Wycliffe**

We want to encourage people to come to our services at Hickmott Road now we are able to meet together again. We've made the building as Covid-secure as possible following the government guidelines. The following instructions may sound officious but they are designed for the care and protection of all and will hopefully give you the peace of mind that it is safe to join together to worship.

**IMPORTANT:** Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been contacted by track and trace as having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the illness, or if you have recently returned from a country where you are required to isolate for 14 days on arrival.

### **Symptoms include:**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**IMPORTANT:** We strongly encourage those who are over 70 or in the vulnerable category not to attend services at Wycliffe at present in line with the current government recommendations, but we understand this is your decision and you are welcome to join with us if you wish.

### **Before you come to the service:**

Please let Walter Scott ([walterbetsie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:walterbetsie@yahoo.co.uk) 07803231183) know you are coming (ideally by Saturday evening) so we can keep a check on numbers and make sure we have enough seating space plus some extra for visitors.

Use the toilet (and make sure any attending children also do) before leaving home including thoroughly washing your hands. Toilets will be available but we would rather you avoid using them unless absolutely necessary. Children under 11 must be accompanied to the toilets.

Bring your own Bible and any pens, paper, printed service sheets that you would like to use during the service (please make sure you take these home with you afterwards too).

Aim to get to the service in plenty of time as getting in and seated will take a bit longer and needs to be done in a way which maintains social distancing.

Remind any children coming that they **must** stay with you at all times and keep 2 metres apart from others.

### **When you arrive:**

Observe the social distance markers on the floor as you queue up and enter the building. When moving throughout the building please seek to observe social distancing (2m) with others as much as possible.

Use the hand sanitiser outside to clean your/your children's hands.

Follow the steward's instructions about where to sit. We will fill up from the front. We appreciate that people have their favourite spots but in this situation we will all need to be flexible and sit where we are put. If you have a very particular reason for needing to sit somewhere where you can get out easily then please let a steward know and we will seek to make arrangements.

The government guidelines discourage us from having conversations with those who are not part of our household group.

### **After the service has finished:**

We will need to vacate the building as soon as possible once the service is finished. Hanging around and chatting is not encouraged, including on the forecourt outside. Follow the steward's instructions for leaving.

If you are with children it is important that you all stay together and exit together. Please don't let children run off.

### **Outside the church premises**

Normal social distancing guidelines continue to apply outside the building. Please remember that local residents and members of the public will be watching the way we behave, and our desire is that we wouldn't do anything that would hinder our witness in the local area. This includes the way our children interact too.

We would encourage you to use the opportunity to have fellowship with other members of the congregation e.g. go for a walk, go back to someone else's house/garden for coffee.

**Note: As government advice and regulations change we will need to adapt our instructions. We will keep you updated as promptly as we can.**