



## Your guide to socially-distanced church during the COVID-19 outbreak

We are so excited to be reopening! As it is so important that we do everything we can to protect ourselves and each other from catching coronavirus, please carefully read the guidelines below before attending a service and follow them at all times.

### Attending

- You must stay at home if:
  - You have any symptoms of coronavirus (high temperature, persistent dry cough or loss of taste and smell) or have tested positive in the past 14 days.
  - Someone in your household or support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive in the past 14 days.
  - You have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.
- You should stay at home if:
  - You or a member of your household is shielding due to a health condition.
  - You are 'extremely clinically vulnerable'.

Government advice for the clinically vulnerable (eg. age over 70) is advisory and people in this group can choose how to manage their own risks and make their own decision about attending.

### Arriving

- Please arrive by 10.15am to give us time to seat everyone by 10.30am. There will be no entry after 10.40am. If you arrive after 10.30 please be as quiet as possible as we will be live streaming the service.
- You need to book your seat on *Eventbrite* before the service. This can be done from the church website - [www.pinnerbaptist.org.uk](http://www.pinnerbaptist.org.uk)

If you are coming with others you are welcome to sit together, however you will need to book a seat for each member of your household or support bubble. There will be a limit on seat availability, so it is really important that you turn up if you book a seat or inform us if you cannot make it so we can give your seat to someone else [email: [admin@pinnerbaptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@pinnerbaptist.org.uk)]

- Face coverings are required – please bring your own. Children under 11 do not need to wear masks, as per government guidelines, but they can if they wish to.
- On arrival, please enter by the main entrance on Paines Lane. Do not enter the church building via the rear premises. Please keep a 2metre distance from others.
- On entering the church, you must sanitise your hands.
- We may ask for your phone number when you arrive, if we do not already have it. This is to enable us to contact you if someone tests positive for coronavirus within 2 weeks of attending a service.
- The stewards will direct you into the church and to your seat. You should not sit with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

## Toilets

- Please try to use the toilet before you leave your house to avoid needing to use the toilets at church. The service will only be one hour long so, if possible, please wait until you get home to use the toilet.
- If you do need to use the toilets, only one person is allowed in the toilet at a time. The exception is children under 11 who **must** be accompanied by a parent.
- Please sanitise your hands using the sanitiser provided before entering the toilets.
- Spray the toilet seat and handle with the sanitising spray provided after using the toilet.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and dry using paper towels. Dispose of the towels in the bin provided.

## During the Service

- Please stay in your allocated seat and do not move or turn around to talk to others.
- To ensure good ventilation, both entrance doors will be kept open. In cold weather, please wear warm clothing. Bring only items you will need and keep all your belongings with you.
- Please bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser and a pack of clean tissues with you to use during the service if needed. Please take any rubbish home with you.
- There will be no activities for children in the initial weeks of opening. You can bring your child but only if you are certain that they will sit quietly with you throughout the service. Walking around with a crying child inside the premises is not permissible.
- There will be no refreshments. It is best not to eat during the service but if you need to for medical reasons, please bring your own food and drink and sanitise your hands before eating. Please take any rubbish home with you.
- Hugging, kissing and handshakes with anyone outside of your household are not allowed.
- Congregational singing is not allowed but songs will be sung by our worship team.
- We will not pass around an offering plate. If possible, please give online instead, details are on our website.
- After the service, the stewards will dismiss you row by row.

Let us pray for wisdom and safety for us all as we re-open our church.

**Pastor Manoj and the Leadership Team**