



Life Church Doncaster

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Edenthorpe Community Centre
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4th August 2020

Dear Church Member

We are so pleased, and we give glory to God, that we recommenced Church services on Sunday, 26th July at Edenthorpe Community Centre at 10am.

This letter sets out what you can expect from us to keep you Covid safe and also what we will expect from each other to ensure the same.

What you can expect from us.

We will be doing all we can to keep you safe from Covid 19. In order to achieve this, the following has been put in place.

1. The church service will be limited to 1 hour maximum from 10 am – 11 am.
2. Maximum number allowed to be in attendance will be 30 people for the time being, due to limits set by Government guidance to the community centre.
3. The community centre will be set up so that all members who are wishing to attend will be seated in family bubbles – where indicated to Pastor Les prior to Saturday evening 6pm. You will need to inform us who is in your family bubble. Where no family bubble has been given, chairs will be seated 2 meters apart from each other, with clearly marked seats with your name on. We would ask you not to alter these.
4. Hand sanitising facilities will be made available upon entry to the building. Please do use them.
5. **Face masks** these must be worn from this coming Sunday 9th August as per recently issued Government guidelines. Government has issued guidelines on who may be exempt from wearing a face covering, please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own> to check if you are exempt. You will be offered a face mask upon entry to the building or you may wish to bring your own.
6. All those leading the service will wear a face visor.
7. Singing, shouting and raised voices are not permitted during the church service for the time being.

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8. During July and August, the service will be a family service with all children being seated with their families. There will be no separate breakout for GIG during the service. All parents are responsible to ensure your child is keeping social distancing rules.
9. The set up and pack down team will also be provided with masks if they wish to have them and will be provided with gloves to handle equipment and chairs. They will also be provided with cleaning products to ensure all touch points are wiped down as well as equipment after the service.
10. No literature, hymn books or paper Bibles will be handed out during the service. Please do bring your own Bible for use in the church service.
11. There will be no refreshments on offer for the time being. You are encouraged to bring your own cool drink in a suitable container. These can be topped up using the taps in the ladies toilets.
12. The church will be dismissed one family bubble/individual at a time onto the car park within 10 minutes of the end of the meeting.
13. Only the ladies toilets will be available to us and each cubicle will be clearly marked ladies or gents. Only 1 person will be allowed into the toilets at any one time. There will be Vacant / Occupied signs on the outer doors which can be operated with wrist/ cuff/elbow.
14. The gents' toilets, kitchen, changing rooms and small meeting room will be strictly out of bounds.

What we expect of you

- 1. You must not attend a church service if you or anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, or you have been asked to self-isolate by the Test & Trace service.**
2. If you wish to attend a church service, this must be booked prior to you attending with Pastor Les. This can be done via a phone call or text to Pastor Les or via email to les@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk. To make sure your space is confirmed you will either receive verbal, text or return email confirmation of your booked place.
3. When arriving at the community centre please at all times where possible adhere to a 2 meter social distancing guidelines (except for your family bubble). If you notice others in the reception area waiting to enter the main hall, please remain outside (2 meter markers will be set up) and enter only when advised to do so.
4. Please use the hand sanitising facilities upon entry to the building and at appropriate times when in church.
5. Please only sit in the seat designated with your name.
6. Please refrain from hand shaking, hugging or physical contact with anyone outside of your family bubble. It may be that you feel it is ok to do so but others who you want to have contact with may well not want this to happen. Please show respect to others and follow Government guidance.
7. Please only use the toilet when it is clearly vacant from the sign on the outer door.
8. Please bring your own liquid refreshments in a suitable container. They can be topped up from the water taps in the ladies toilets.
9. Please make use of face masks if you so desire, they will be made available to you upon entry to the building but are not compulsory.
- 10. Please do not sing or shout when inside the building.**

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11. A receptacle for placing any tithes or offerings will be placed near the exit point of the church and must not be touched. The offering bag will not be passed around. Where you are able to do so and wish to give, you can set up a standing order from your bank account. Pastor Les will supply you with the church bank details upon request.
12. Please vacate the building within 10 minutes of the end of the service.
13. NHS Test and Trace. By attending a church service you agree to give to Pastor Les your name, address and contact phone number or email for the purposes of Test and Trace. This information will be held on file for a period of 21 days after the service and only given to the NHS if asked to do so for the sole purposes of Test and Trace.
14. If you develop COVID-19 symptoms within 7 days of visiting a church service, please alert NHS Test and Trace. Please also alert Pastor Les who will in turn inform the Community Centre Secretary.
15. If you display possible Covid 19 symptoms during the service, you will be asked to move to the designated 'Covid 19 Isolation area'. These are clearly marked in the corner of the Main Hall. Each isolation area has a chair, bin, bottle of water, face masks, gloves and cleaning / hand sanitising products in them. A designated adult will assist you. You will be asked to leave the premises, when you are able to do so, observing the usual hand sanitising and social distancing precautions. You are advised to launder your clothes when you arrive home. Pastor Les will inform the community centre.

Thank you for your patience and your co-operation with us at this difficult time, it is much appreciated.

God Bless

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