



*Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey CR2 9EF*

### **COVID guidance from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Friends,

Following the removal of most COVID legal restrictions from 19<sup>th</sup> July the Leadership Team discussed what guidance we should put in place for the Church. The conclusion was that we should move forward cautiously in the interests of ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone using our Church premises and update our current guidance accordingly.

Therefore, the COVID guidance for our Church is as follows. This will be kept under regular review by the Leadership team and updated from time to time. All other users of our premises will be asked to respect and support this as part of protecting the safety and well-being of each other.

1. **Face-coverings:** please continue to wear masks (unless you are exempt) in crowded areas such as the vestibule and when moving around the church premises. You may choose to remove your face covering when seated. For services, chairs will be set out in areas for those that wish to remove face-coverings and those that do not.
2. **Social distancing:** please continue to respect each other's space e.g., by following the 2-metre rule (or 1 metre if wearing a mask). For Church services, chairs will continue to be set out in a spaced way and services will not exceed 1 hour.
3. **Handwashing/sanitising:** please continue to wash hands or use hand-sanitiser when entering the premises or on entering/exiting the toilets.
4. **Ventilation/Cleaning:** please continue to keep windows/doors open during services and meetings to ensure good ventilation and to also clean surfaces etc., before and after those services/meetings.
5. **NHS Track & Trace records:** In order to support the NHS Track & Trace system please provide your contact details when attending services or meetings either by scanning the QR code on entry or registering your details with the organiser of your activity.
6. **Communal singing:** For Church services this is now allowed but we would request that you sing with face-coverings on, in order to minimise the possible transmission of the virus.
7. **Refreshments:** The Church will re-start coffee/tea after Sunday morning services from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021, in line with the above guidance. At present we do not have volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month so for the time being there will be no refreshments that week of the month.
8. **Feeling unwell:** If you or a member of your household feel unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, please do not attend services or meetings at the Church premises until you are fully recovered.

We hope that all of us will feel comfortable to attend and look forward to welcoming everybody back.

Grace and Peace

Faith