

What do I need to know? **Guidance for 10:30am Face to Face worship at FMC**

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

As we emerge to begin worshipping God together face to face, we ask that everyone shows love for one another by seeking to follow the guidance outlined below.



General Guidance

Guidance revised 24/3/21 (key changes in purple)

Please do not attend face to face worship if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, new or continuous cough, change/loss to sense of taste/smell)

At all times please maintain 2m social distance between your household or bubble

While in the building, please do not 'interact with anyone outside your household or support bubble'.

Wear a face covering while in the building (unless medically or otherwise exempt)

Additional guidance may be given by stewards/preacher as appropriate.

Doors & windows may be open for ventilation, on a cool day you may want an extra layer



Arrival

The building will open for you from 10:15, please try not to arrive before that time, and wait in cars/queue outside the entry doors, 2m distance from one another.

Stewards will be on hand to welcome you into the building.

Entering



Please use the hand sanitiser provided in the welcome room (note that the sanitiser here is automatic) and follow the one-way system (marked with arrows)

As you enter, a steward will take your contact details for our track and trace record

An offering plate for financial gifts to the work of God here will be in the welcome room.

Stewards will direct you to a seat. Once seated please remain there until the service ends.

You will need to sit with your household/bubble and not 'interact with anyone outside your household or support bubble' while in the building.

Our current capacity is set at 35 people in the worship space. We also have potential for a video feed to the small hall where we can take up to an additional 15 people.



Worship

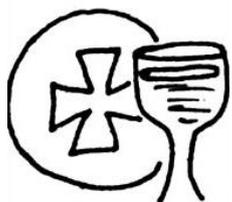
We encourage you to bring your own bible with you.

Worship services will last around 45 minutes, with no singing, notice sheets or handouts.

If you have prayer requests, we will sometimes include open prayer, or prayer needs can be communicated to stewards or preacher in advance.

Children and young people will need to remain in household groups throughout.

Communion



When communion is celebrated every effort will be made to ensure it is celebrated as safely and hygienically as possible.

Communion will be shared in one kind only (bread).

Communion will be brought to you in your seats.

On the day the preacher will talk through in more detail what will happen.

After Worship



Please wait until a steward indicates it is safe for you to leave.

Please follow the one-way system to the designated exits, and refrain from talking to each other until you have left the building.

Once you have left the building, please move well out of the way of the doors. If you wish to chat with others when outside, please observe the rule of 6, and we recommend keeping face coverings on at this time.

Note that there will be no refreshments served at the moment.

Additional



Toilets can be accessed via the coffee hub. Please follow instructions of the stewards on the day.



Please work together to keep movement around the rest of the building to a minimum. This reduces the amount of cleaning that needs undertaking by our volunteers.

And Finally...

If you are planning to attend face to face worship in the coming weeks, we look forward to seeing you soon. If you are unsure, have decided not to attend for the moment, or can't attend, please know that you continue to be in the thoughts and prayers of others, and phone and zoom worship opportunities will continue to be available.

We continue to be a learning community as we journey through this pandemic, and continue to review and update guidance as necessary. If you have questions or concerns, please speak to a church steward or contact our minister Rev Dan Balsdon, dan.balsdon@methodist.org.uk | Tel: 01243 823895

Gathered or Scattered, we are united by Christ
Close to one another or far away, we are bound together by God's Spirit
Excited or anxious, we are held in the arms of God's love,
We are community, God's community, we are FMC.