

INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO FELTHAM EVANGELICAL CHURCH MEETING TOGETHER IN THEIR CHURCH BUILDING.

GENERAL GOALS

- To honour our God and obey his Word into a new phase of church life.
- To facilitate Feltham Evangelical Church physically joining together again for fellowship, worship and service.
- To arrange things so as to ensure the safety of all, whilst all enjoy the privilege of being together again.
- We want to make sure that we do not put anyone at unnecessary risk. We want to make sure that we do not become a source for spreading the COVID-19 virus.
- To provide provision for those who are not coming to church at the present time.
- To use technology such as Zoom and Facebook Live to facilitate all being able to have access to the services.
- To flexibly operate so as to assist with the best functioning of the church.

OPERATING SCHEDULE

- Meet at church building on Sunday for:
 - 9.30.am. Lord's Supper or Prayer / Praise / Study
 - 11.00.am. Morning Worship.
 - 5.00.pm. Evening Service
- Also meet at church building for Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study
- The three prayer meetings Tues at 9.30.am, Thurs at 6.30.am and Sat at 9.00.pm. to continue on Zoom.
- There will be flexibility as regards to these arrangements.

USE OF BUILDING

- Seating in the Rear Hall and the Main Church have been laid out to maximize the spread of chairs so that as many as possible can occupy the building and be at the services.
- Sanitizer is to be placed at the entrance door and all are encouraged to use it upon entering the building.
- All windows and doors (except doors to toilets) to the building to be left open so as to allow maximum ventilation and avoid multiple use of handles. Everyone therefore is encouraged to be wise to their clothing so that, should the weather be cold, they are suitably clothed.
- A one-way system is encouraged through the building. People to enter building through main doors and exit through doors to rear hall. People enter "main church" through rear doors and exit through doors adjacent to pulpit.
- When occupying the main church people are encouraged to fill up the seats from the front first.
- All encouraged to abide by "social distancing" guidelines. This basically means: *Where possible, adhere to social distancing of at least 2 metres or 1 metre with risk mitigation (where 2 metres is not viable) between households.*
 - The onus is on those attending the church services to implement the guidelines. So please have regard to them in choosing where you sit and how you conduct yourself whilst at the church premises.
 - The use of face masks, ventilation of the building and not sitting face-to-face would be three things that assist in risk mitigation.
- To maximize the use of space, families and singles should link up to form "support bubbles" so they can sit together in church.
- When the services are in the church building people are free to join in with the singing when appropriate. However, all are encouraged to refrain from singing out

loud because this is deemed to increase the risk of transmission from aerosol and droplets.

- All are required to wear face coverings when attending services inside the church building. However, there are certain exceptions to this such as:
 - children under the age of 11
 - people who cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
 - where putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress.
 - if you are speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate.
 - For those who are preaching, leading in prayer or leading a service.

For full details on face coverings see the document "Face Coverings: When to wear one and how to make your own." published by The Cabinet Office and The Department of Health and Social Care (updated 30th March 2021).

- Everyone is encouraged to adopt good hygiene standards. This means using the sanitizer which is provided throughout the building. Also hands should be always dried on paper towels and **not** on hand towels or tea towels.
- Whilst attending services at the church premises attendees are encouraged to mingle (subject to the social distancing provision above) inside the building only in a group of 6 or less (other than with those you live with or have formed a support bubble with) and outside the building only in a group of 30 or less (other than with those you live with or have formed a support bubble with).
- If the main church is deemed by the stewards to be "full", then people encouraged to sit in rear hall and listen to service.
- An offering will be taken up as normal. Those counting the offering to use disposable gloves. People are encouraged to use online giving to reduce the amount of cash being handled.
- Refreshments are being provided after the two services on a Sunday morning. Those serving will wear suitable personal protective equipment.
- The person(s) preparing the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper should use a mask and disposable gloves when doing so.
- A list of attendees at the services is to be kept in line with the "Test and Trace" arrangements. Relevant details to be disposed of after twenty one days of attendance.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring their own Bible so as to minimize the use of the Church Bibles.

GENERAL

- As a church we must always respect and honour one another. We must particularly do that during this time of transition. Some will want to be very wary about being too casual. Some will be very wary of being too strict. No one will be mocked or scorned for their position. Let love and understanding abound among us.
- Those who are judged to be "at risk" from contracting COVID 19 are encouraged to be particularly vigilant about their behaviour at this time.
- Anyone showing symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend the services.
- Anyone having to self-isolate as a result of the COVID-19 regulations should not attend the services.
- Those who are not able to come to the services should be loved and included in the church as much as possible.
- In moving through this time of change there should be a generosity of spirit among us to support each other as we move forward.
- Above all may our Lord Jesus be glorified in this phase of church life.

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