

Acre Mill Baptist Church

Covid Guide July 2020



The Deacons carried out a risk assessment for the safe resumption of services based on advice from the Government and the Baptist Union. Copies of the full risk assessment are available on request and from the church website. This is a brief guide to help members of the congregation attending services.

- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, persistent dry cough and loss of taste or smell), have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Track and Trace or are self-isolating because you are in a clinically vulnerable group, you should not attend Church services.
- On arrival at church, please follow current social distancing regulations. You will be greeted at the door by a steward who will explain the one-way flow system to enter and leave safely. This is indicated by floor markings.
- Hand gel sanitisers are provided at key points. Please use the sanitiser in the Fellowship Room as you enter.
- Please do not touch any surface unnecessarily and remove all personal belongings after each service.
- As you enter the church area, a steward will direct you to a seat in order to maintain social distancing. .
- An important task is to establish the number of people that we can seat safely, bearing in mind social distancing rules and the fact that families and those in family 'support bubbles' can sit together
- We are required to keep a record of everyone who attends to allow NHS Track and Trace to follow up should a COVID-19 case be identified. If you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 after attending a service we need to be informed.
- The downstairs toilet will be available but good hygiene practices are essential and will be explained on a poster inside the toilet. Children under 11 should be supervised by an adult from their household who should check that surfaces and handles have been sanitised after use. If the toilet is in use, please wait in the foyer or Fellowship Room at a safe distance to allow those exiting to maintain social distancing.
- Face coverings may be worn but are not compulsory at the moment.
- At the end of the service, stewards will direct members to leave the worship area in a safe manner. The exit route will be clearly marked.
- Unfortunately we are not allowed to sing during the service or serve coffee in church afterwards. However, if you would like to bring your own drinks and biscuits, we are allowed to meet in small groups outside the church afterwards as long as social distancing rules are observed.