

# COVID GUIDANCE FOR FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

## from Sunday 25th July 2021

1. **Service length** will continue, for the moment, to be shortened to 35-40 minutes with fewer hymns. The services will be extended on Zoom to those who cannot attend church.
2. **Sanitising and registering attendees** will continue on entry at both front and back doors. All signage regarding masks and hand washing will remain in place.
3. **Guiding to pews** will continue however the left-hand bank of pews (closest to Willow Grove) will be reserved for those who wish to socially distance as before. Maximum of two individuals at each end of the pew or one family bubble per pew.  
The remaining pews in the centre and the right will still have every other pew out of use but families and friendship groups will be able to sit together as they choose.
4. **Masks** - we will continue to ask everyone to wear masks at all times in the building unless they are exempt for medical conditions. This follows Methodist Church advice to protect each other.
5. **Singing** will now be allowed behind masks! We still hope to have a group of singers to lead from the chancel.
6. **Offertory** - we will continue to have a retiring collection plate at the door to the Willow Grove.
7. **At the end of the service** the people sitting in the socially distanced pews will be guided out first by the door stewards and allowed to leave the building. The remainder of the congregation will be allowed to leave in their own time.
8. **Refreshments** will not be served after the service for the present time. The situation will be reviewed from September onwards. A new rota for serving coffee will have to be compiled.
9. **Minibus** - this will begin running from September. The rota for drivers is being compiled and the route will be revised to accommodate any new passengers.
10. **Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms** - There are no longer restrictions on numbers for these events and participants will be advised of our arrangements for individuals who wish to social distance. Names of those attending will be recorded for track and trace records. If baptisms are outside normal service times they too would have to record attendees. For baptisms in the normal Sunday service all attendees would register in the usual way on entry to the church. If there is full capacity in the Church the Willow Grove and Oak Hall will be used as overflow areas.