

Public Worship at Sunbridge Road Mission from 12 July 2020

A local church is a gathering of God's redeemed people, and so we have felt the pain of separation over the last few months whilst we have been unable to meet in person. We are grateful to God that as lockdown eases, we can begin to meet in person again, although it will still be some time before we can meet as freely as we used to.

We are planning to return in person from this coming Sunday morning, having worked hard over the last few weeks to ensure our building is COVID secure, in line with government guidelines. We are aware this will affect people in different ways, particularly those whose own health is vulnerable. Some will be unable to return, some will be uncomfortable returning at this stage, but we are aware others will be eager to return in person. Whilst we have done all we can to meet safely, it is important that we allow people to make that decision for themselves. Obviously, there will be an element of learning over the next few weeks, and we will review the guidelines below as necessary.

We will continue to livestream the service for those who don't come down to the building. This will be done through YouTube and is accessible through the *SRM Bradford* channel.

If you have any questions on the details below or would like to see the full risk assessment, please get in touch with one of the elders. Might we use these verses from Romans 12:10-12 as our prayer as we approach this Sunday:

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Dates

Sunday 12 July (Partial)

People welcome to attend the morning service in person. Those shielding to remain at home until August according to government guidance. Those in the vulnerable health category (70 + / underlying health conditions) to remain at home as we work out how things work. No provision for children over the age of 2.

Sunday 19 July / Summer (Full)

People welcome to attend the morning service in person. Those shielding to remain at home until August according to government guidance. Separate groups for children up to the age of 14.

Seating capacity

Seats will be arranged in clusters of 1,2,3 or 4 chairs. Each cluster will be 2m away from others.

How many people we can safely fit in the building depends on whether people arrive on their own or with others. Please sit with those in your support bubble where possible. If you come on your own, please fill up the single seats first. The maximum number of adults we can safely seat is 50 in the main hall, and 25 in the lounge.

Whilst we think it is unlikely, if we exceed 75 on Sunday, 12 July we will have to turn some people away. We will then review our plan for the following weeks.

Arrangements for using the building

1. No one with COVID symptoms should enter the building (high temperature; new continuous cough; loss or change to your sense of smell or taste).
2. Everyone must wash their hands with the hand sanitizer provided on both entrance and exit of the building.
3. Temperatures will be checked on the door, and anyone with a temperature over 37.5 will not be allowed to enter the building.
3. There is no congregational singing. The music team will lead from the front with one vocalist on stage behind a plexiglass screen.

4. Social distancing of 2m should be maintained, throughout the building. This is because of the additional risk of being in close proximity with others, for an extended period of time. This obviously excludes physical contact such as handshakes or hugging.
5. No refreshments will be provided at any services or meetings. People must bring a water bottle with them if they require hydration whilst in the building and is for their personal use only.
6. There will be no paper bulletin.
7. There will be no physical monetary collection. People are encouraged to give online through the app, website, or by standing order.
8. Face coverings are not compulsory, but people are encouraged to bring face coverings with them if they would like to.
9. There will be no baptism / communion at this stage. This will be something we consider in the future as the restrictions relax.
10. Services will be reduced to 1 hour (10.30-11.30), with a 15 minute discussion time afterwards for those in the building.
11. People should arrive in the building from 10.15 onwards to leave time to find a seat.
11. The building will be cleaned thoroughly before people enter for services and meetings. Where possible a 72 hour gap will be maintained between the use of rooms. In the case where this is not possible, a thorough COVID clean with full sanitizing of all surfaces including doors, chairs, tables, etc.
12. There will be a one-way system in place throughout the building. People are required to follow the arrows on the floor, and to obey the no entry signs on various doors. Further details of how to navigate the building will be released through a video before Sunday.
13. Those arriving on Sunday morning to attend the service need to come to the main entrance on Sunbridge Road. When the main hall is full, stewards will then direct people to the lounge entrance. If you are coming to the creche or dropping children off in future weeks, please enter using the fire exit on Sunbridge Road. Please remain in the room allocated to you throughout the service.
14. The car park is only to be used by those with mobility concerns. This will leave space for children to be collected from their groups, and for people to talk safely after the service.
15. Toilets will be cleaned and available for use. Those in the main hall and lounge are to use the toilet under the stairs. Those in the creche will use the toilet with the baby change near the youth hall. Children and young people will be using the toilet half-way up the main stairs. If there is a queue it is important to social distance. Where possible, please refrain from using the toilet facilities whilst you are in the building.
16. As people exit the building it is important to disperse quickly to avoid crowding around doorways.
17. We are taking steps to help the government with track and trace should a case of COVID-19 emerge. A list of names and contact details will be taken on the door. One photo will be taken from the front of the main hall and one from the front of the lounge each time we meet. All this information will be kept for 21 days and then destroyed.
18. If you develop COVID symptoms within two days of being in the building, please get in contact with Bruce Pearson (07759094968) so that we can then alert those who have been in close proximity, with each other.
19. A parent must stay with their child in the creche and be responsible for them throughout the service. Clean toys will be provided along with wipes to wipe toys down after use. The service will be livestreamed into the creche.
20. From 19 July, children and young people (3-14) will be dropped off by their parents at the fire exit on Sunbridge Road. They will be taken straight to their groups and remain there for the duration of the service. Social distancing will be in place as is appropriate for the age of the children. Their teachers will then bring the group down to the car park for their parents to collect them. Further details will be made available to parents next week.