

Quick Guide to attending worship services from 4th April 2021

Following the latest Government guidance and legislation, we have decided that we can safely re-open for Sunday services from 4th April 2021. These services are still to be shorter than before the COVID-19 outbreak. This is subject to any new COVID-19 restrictions at the time and may change based on Government or ecclesiastical guidance. In the event of increased restrictions we can return to online video services.



Please do not attend the Emmanuel Christian Centre for any reason other than Sunday services unless you have a genuine reason and permission is sought. House-group style meetings cannot be held in-person until at least 17th May and with 6 people only; full house-groups not until 21st June. Please also do not attend the church building if you are displaying signs of having COVID-19 or have done so within 10 days, unless you have had a negative COVID-19 test result.

- Please do not gather or fellowship outside of your household group or support bubble, either within the building or the grounds.
- Entrance/exit will be via the courtyard doors, giving way to those exiting the building.
- Sanitise your hands (and those of children) on arrival and pay attention to good hygiene.
- We are to encourage the recording of names and contact information of attendees, or make provision for the 'test and trace' app to be used. Therefore, please either:
 - Scan the QR-code displayed by the entrance, using the NHS test and trace app on your device;
 - Simply add your name and email online using the link sent weekly to the email-noticeboard (before attending);
 - Complete and sign a written entry in the register book by the courtyard door (ideally this would be best for infrequent visitors or guests).
- After arrival, follow the one-way system throughout the building which includes using the stairs on the left for up and the right for down.
- Keep a social distance of 2 metres or 2 chairs away from anyone outside of your household group or support bubble (as much as practicably possible).
- Corporate singing, loud praying or shouting is to be avoided during the meeting. There will be a small team of worship leaders for item pieces and reflective worship.
- If you require assistance during a meeting, please raise your hand for a steward to come.
- If your child is not attending Allstars they must stay with you and in your care during the whole of the service. Allstars is subject to demand based on the number of under 11s attending.
- If your child is particularly unsettled or disruptive you should use the back area of the coffee-shop during a service, keeping a safe social distance from other users.
- If you prefer not to take communion (bread and wine) you should signal to the stewards by shaking your head or raising your hand in a stop gesture.
- Only one person should be in each toilet block at any given time, unless supervising children in your care. Always use the one-way system to and from the toilet.
- In the event of a fire or emergency, please evacuate the building by means of all available exits.
- At the close of the meeting, follow the instructions given by the leader or a steward. This will usually involve being dismissed row-by-row.
- Remain seated at the end of a meeting if you are waiting for children from an activity.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive to COVID-19 up to 10 days after attending a church meeting, please inform Colin Thornhill or the NHS test and trace service.