

# Redditch Baptist Church

## Covid-19 Safety Measures

### How we are making Redditch Baptist Church Safer

•Book your place by emailing [booking@redditchbaptist.org.uk](mailto:booking@redditchbaptist.org.uk) Places are limited. You can also book by asking a member with email to book for you. Please book by the end of Wednesday, if possible. Tim Skinner is responsible for taking bookings.

If you have any special needs, for example, limited walking ability, please let the booking secretary know.

- We will aim to hold shorter services of around 40 minutes in duration
- There will be clear signage around church
- You will be shown to your seats by a steward. This is unlikely to be where you would normally sit in church.
- You and your family bubble will be seated together, usually in 1 pew. There are no mats on the pews in the church. You are welcome to bring your own cushion, but please take it with you when you leave.
- Each row of seating is 2m apart
- A completed Covid-19 risk assessment has been done and is available upon request
- Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance to the church and in the toilets and there are additional cleaning measures in place in the church and toilet
- Doors and/or windows will be opened for extra ventilation. Please wear warm clothes.
- All books, toys, leaflets and pamphlets have been removed. Families can bring their own quiet toys for young children. Children's sheets can be printed out before and brought on the day. Please bring your own colouring pens.
- There is no current plan to hold communion
- Each reader or speaker will have their own microphone on a stand.
- Antibacterial wipes are available.
- The kitchen, Sunday School hall and male and female toilets are temporarily closed. The disabled toilet (where female toilets used to be) is available for use, but please try to use your home facilities before coming to church.

You will need to clean the surfaces after use with wipes (provided) which will then go in the pedal bin.

There will be a one-way system in use. Please exit using the door by the organ and re-enter the church by exiting through the double doors and coming back round to the doors at the back of the church.

## How you can help

- To minimise disruption when the service has started, arrive 10-15 minutes before the service starts so that you can be shown to your seat by the stewards.
- The service will start at 11 am
- Follow the social distancing measures inside and outside of the building. Please do not congregate and chat outside.
- Wear a mask or face covering
- If you wish, worship with raised hands, clapping, etc...but do not sing or shout
- As the kitchen is closed, bring your own bottled water to drink.
- Bring your own Bible if required (However, Bible verses and hymns are displayed on the projector screen in the church)
- Please continue to give to the church online through standing orders or bank transfer where possible. If you have brought some money for collection, then there will be a basket just before you exit the building.
- At the end of the service, wait in your row until the steward indicates that your row can leave. (This will avoid any congregating in the aisles)
- Do not congregate in the car park to talk to other households (Rule of 6) and ensure the 2m social distance is observed on the church grounds.

Government Guidelines on meeting others safely:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

## **Important:**

If you feel unwell and/or have any of these symptoms:

1. continuous cough
2. high temperature
3. shortness of breath
4. a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

please stay at home and visit us another time.

## **If you are over 70**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

or fall within the governments' identified vulnerable groups, please follow the latest government advice before attending church services:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

If you are not comfortable coming to church at this time, our services and prayer call will continue to be online and sermons from church will be posted as soon as possible after the church service has ended.

Please also consider your safety in travelling to church i.e. Public Transport

If you see something wrong, please let a deacon know.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

The Deacons at Redditch Baptist Church