

# CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

UPDATE  
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WORSHIP God GROW Together SERVE Others

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**Review as the finish line is shifted  
a few weeks further away.**

In our last update we shared with you our Road map for returning to “In Person” services at CPBC. We were all hoping that on June 21<sup>st</sup> that social distancing rules would be relaxed, and our coming together for worship as a gathered community in the building would be easier. However, as you are aware, a decision on the easing of restrictions has been delayed and will not happen until July 19<sup>th</sup> at the earliest.

The diaconate who are the managing trustees for the church have continued to monitor the government specific guidelines for churches and the Baptist Union guidelines which they recently update on June 17<sup>th</sup> after Prime Ministers announcement.

The church leadership have met to discuss and review if any changes could be made to our published restrictions especially as there have been some changes to going to restaurants etc... and we are aware that several families in the church feel frustrated that things as yet have not changed at church to reflect those freedoms.

Following our discussion, and aware of the recent surge in areas of North Somerset (not far from us) which have a direct impact on some of our church families, the leaders agreed to continue to remain cautious as we continue to follow the Baptist Union Guidance for our gatherings on Sunday.

A reminder of these details are shown overleaf, but for the time being we will need to continue to book and reserve seating, require all households to remain 2 metres apart in the building (please note that the Baptist Union advice is that people do not mix in bubbles when attending for worship), that we continue to record details for track and trace, and that we will not be serving refreshments before or after the service.

We are aware that for many this will continue to be frustrating, but our insurers expect us to follow the Baptist Union guidelines. The leadership are also aware that some members of our church community have at this point only had one vaccine and a few have yet to receive their first and so we have a duty of care and responsibility to ensure that we follow these directions in order to benefit and keep everyone safe.

Your continued support to help us follow these guidelines for the next few weeks is deeply appreciated.

The Diaconate – CPBC

# CPBC Covid secure REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETING IN CHURCH

As previously published in order to comply with the government guidelines, the following will need to be followed in order to participate in activities in the church building:

- **Social distancing guidelines will always need to be followed.**
- **Pre-book a seat (there will be limited seats available due to spacing required and so it will be essential to register to make sure we can accommodate you).**  
Please request by Thurs PM  
seat allocation will be made and people informed on the Friday.
- **On arrival you and members of your household must only sit in your allocated seats that are spaced 2 metres apart from other households.**
- **You must stay away if you or a member of your household are showing any Covid-19 symptoms**
- **You may have to queue outside the church building, spaced 2 metres apart, until the doors are opened**
- **You will be required to sanitise your hands on entering the building**
- **Face coverings will be required to be worn indoors**
- **No singing will be permitted by the congregation**
- **You will not be able to shake hands or share hugs with those outside of your household**
- **You will be required to leave the building and its vicinity as soon as the church service ends.**
- **There will be no refreshments after the service and no hanging around to chat to each other**
- **Your details will be held for Track and Trace purposes for 21 days after each meeting**

## CPBC CHURCH AGM – SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**This will immediately follow the live streaming  
of the service on Sunday Morning.**

For those who are not attending the service for “In Person” worship, please join us on Zoom using the following codes:

Meeting ID: 6457190316 Password 952946

# CONNECT GROUPS

As per our last update the guidance does allow for CONNECT (house) groups to meet in people's homes and gardens. There are still criteria that apply and so group leaders if you feel ready to host and run your group, please contact Steve for the most UpToDate guidelines to facilitate your return.

## MINISTRIES

Ministry leaders, can we please remind you to speak to the leadership when you feel ready to "reboot" your gathering. Whilst we are aware that some groups may not restart at all, others will need to reboot as they change and upgrade their return.

It is not our plan to request groups reboot by a certain date, but instead we want this to be an organic process.

Therefore, groups need to consider if they are ready and when they are ready, alongside considering their purpose and vision for rebooting and how the group fits into the life and vision of CPBC.

To facilitate this when they feel they are ready, **ALL** groups should approach the leadership who can then work with them to discuss how they fit into the church vision. Consideration also needs to be given to:

- 1. How does the group fit into the concept of WORSHIP God, GROW together and SERVE Others? How will they guide people to other stages?**
- 2. What are the current regulations required relating to the group?** (e.g. what, at the time of discussion, is permissible under government guidelines?)
- 3. What restrictions would need to be in place to conform to any national guidelines?**
- 4. Has a satisfactory risk assessment been completed?**
- 5. Is a leader willing to take on responsibility for ensuring that government guidelines are adhered to?**
- 6. How does that group fit into the use of the church building and being covid secure?**
- 7. Have they got the support of their members to restart and do they have enough leaders? Are there enough church members to support the running of the group?**