

CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

UPDATE 2
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WORSHIP God **GROW** Together **SERVE** Others



CPBC Returning to In Person Gatherings

In this edition,
we want to share with
you **OUR** proposed
Roadmap for our
returning to
**“GATHERING
IN PERSON”**
at CPBC

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AGM – 2021

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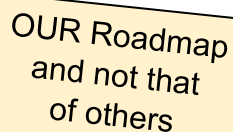
REGATHERING

Using the word REGATHERING is wrong because for the last 12 months we have been gathering as a church online via YouTube and Zoom.

We had a brief spell in September when some were able to come and gather in the Sanctuary for worship (but this involved a whole variety of restrictions that had to be followed). It would also be true to say that for much of the Pandemic the building itself has constantly been used, because it has been a base for us to help support the local community through ventures like foodbank, CAP and Redeeming our Community.

Since the Prime Minister set out in February a roadmap for the country to begin to resume normal life, the leadership has been reviewing and considering what this looks like for us as a church.

It's important to say that this needs to be OUR RoadMap, because it needs to be what is right for Clarence Park Baptist Church, based on our members, our congregation, our building and our resources.



OUR Roadmap
and not that
of others






It is important then, not to read this document comparing what we are doing to other churches or groups, but also, to accept that other groups and activities may not follow our plan. As we say, every group has different needs and so within the guidelines move through these next few months and years in a different way.

This document also helps you to understand that Guidelines issued by the Government and Baptist Union change regularly; meaning that the advice for church gatherings is updated frequently. So please be aware that, although we are looking at dates and basing our plan on what is currently allowed, this may need to change as we respond to new guidance or wider issues nationally caused by the pandemic.

In preparing this information the leadership is aware that our congregation are all in different places emotionally. Some of our fellowship have had both their vaccination jabs, some just one and some have not yet been called to have their first one. Some people are still isolating, some have not ventured out of their homes for 12 months and some have had their lives personally turned completely upside down as they mourn the loss of those who they love.

Coming back into our building for worship, for ministry and for learning more about God needs to be a process that takes time. It has taken us almost a year to understand lockdown and so we need to be generous in the time that we give ourselves in preparing to come back.

A HEADLINE summary of the information to follow

	WORSHIP God	GROW Together	SERVE Others
 APRIL	<p>Easter – services Online</p> <p>From 18th April Services LIVE on YouTube with just Leader in sanctuary.</p> <p>NO CONGREGATION PRESENT</p>	CONNECT Groups meeting online via ZOOM	<p>Foodbank open (Tue and Thur)</p> <p>Groups and Ministry leaders to begin to talk to their members and teams about the future</p>
 MAY	<p>Live stream with readers and small worship team leading from the Sanctuary</p> <p>NO CONGREGATION PRESENT</p>	From 17 th May if permitted for CONNECT groups to be formed and to meet in homes	Groups and ministry leaders when ready to talk with leadership
 JUNE	<p>Live Stream from sanctuary</p> <p>SOCIALLY DISTANCED CONGREGATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced numbers therefore booking essential • Face coverings required • No singing in sanctuary by congregation <p><i>(see further information in this document for details)</i></p>	Exploring ways for the church to regather in prayer	Groups and ministry leaders to talk with leadership when ready
 JULY/AUG	<p>Live streaming</p> <p>Congregation present</p> <p><i>Details for social distancing, face coverings and singing yet to be announced by Government</i></p>	As above	Groups and ministry leaders when ready to talk with leadership and functioning where appropriate.
 SEPT	<p>Service to mark our regathering and remembering</p> <p>Reboot Sunday Club</p>	As above	Many Groups / Ministries returned



PREPARING TO MOVE FORWARD

As we look forward to returning for face-to-face activities there are a number of things to be considered.

During the end of March and into April we need to reform and recruit volunteers onto some of our different teams. During the last year some people have stepped down from their previous roles and those vacancies now need to be filled.

If you are willing to step up onto some of our teams then please make yourself known to us by returning the form at the end of this document or by completing it online via Google docs.

REFORM AND RECRUIT TEAMS

The initial teams that need to be reactivated for face-to-face worship are:

PA / AV / STREAMING TEAM

These teams have not been in post for over 12 months. Members need to be contacted to ensure that they are able and willing to continue in these roles, people need to be retrained in order to regain their confidence in using the equipment, new members need to be trained and we need to hold a few trials of the equipment and their functions.

WELCOME / STEWARDING TEAMS

A key part of coming back will be to make sure that we are able to welcome people safely into the building, plus that we ensure that they are made to feel at home.

MUSIC TEAMS

Musicians and singers need to be approached and arrangements made for how they will operate within the guidelines.

CONNECT GROUPS

Hosts and leaders for CONNECT bible study groups to be getting ready for meeting again



WORSHIP God

Easter Services

- To continue to be broadcast Online via YouTube with CD's available on request for those who need them.

From Sunday April 18th

- Services from this Sunday to be broadcast "Live" from the Sanctuary on the YouTube channel with just Steve and PC operator present.
(CDs from This Sunday will be posted out from the next day for those who require them)

ZOOM

- Gathering after broadcast on Sundays to continue.

GROW Together

CONNECT STUDIES

- Groups to continue online and to study the same material based on the Sunday service which can be downloaded from the website.

Please note: From 29th March 6 people or two households can meet outdoors, including in private gardens. We are advised that this rule at present does **NOT** allow for any church gatherings unless outside and on church premises.

until these rules are changed, we are currently advised that
HOUSE GROUPS / CONNECT / CHURCH GROUPS
meeting in Gardens or in public places for worship are not allowed.

SERVE Others

- **Foodbank** to continue Tues / Thurs
- **Renew wellbeing centre** training to be completed online via ZOOM.
- **Essential Support groups** meetings for up to 15 people are allowed, provided they follow social distancing guidelines and rules that are in place. The Government provides a list of what it considers essential support groups.
- **Groups and Ministry leaders** to begin to consult, discuss, reflect and pray with their teams about if and how they return and what needs to be in place.
(for more details see additional pages)



STAGE 1

Our next stage sees us focus on our regathering for worship and exploring ways and places for prayer.

Our plan is to be gaining gradual momentum towards fully coming back together in small, safe but practical steps.

The 17th May is the next planned date for the government to announce if as a nation we are moving onto the next stage of unlocking. If this happens it will create further opportunities for people to reconnect with one another outside of the church building and grounds.

Pastorally these groups will be essential for supporting one another emotionally through the change that is required to be comfortable with meeting together again. For many in our church this will be a particularly difficult time as we transition back into the new community life, both in the church but also in our town.

Therefore, please take the opportunity, where the rules allow, to meet outside with others for prayer, walks and support.

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WORSHIP God

SUNDAY SERVICES

- To remain online but LIVE streamed from the church with only those involved in the service present (leader, speaker, worship team, technical team etc...)
- CDs available on request for those who need them.

ZOOM

- Gathering after broadcast on Sundays to continue

GROW Together

CONNECT STUDIES

- Groups to continue online and to study the same material based on the Sunday service which can be downloaded from the website.

From 17th May if all is on track the Government is expected to make further announcements. This could allow groups of up to 6 to meet indoors which will enable CONNECT groups to meet in homes.

PRAYER

- Following social distancing rules, we would like to begin to encourage people to meet in small groups of between 3-6 for prayer. These groups could also be a place to share help and accountability pastorally for one another.
- Possibly re-introduce a regular online Prayer Meeting

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(for more details see additional pages)



STAGE 2

This month we plan for a congregation to be present for our live streams on Sundays. If all goes to the government's plan then they hope to announce that on June 21st all social distancing rules will be lifted. It is still not clear if this change will apply to indoors, to face coverings and if indoor singing will be allowed.

For most of the month bringing a congregation back will mean that we need to follow the same rules as we used last September.

1. The current social distancing rules will need to be followed.
We will announce the exact details of these for households / bubbles etc. once the 17th May announcement and guidelines are issued and are interpreted by the Baptist Union GB.
2. Space will be limited, and so seats will need to be booked
3. There will be one way in and one way out
4. Face coverings will need to be worn
5. The congregation will not be allowed to sing
6. Refreshments will not be served
7. There will be no Sunday Club and children will be expected to stay within their household

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WORSHIP God

SUNDAY Services

- To continue to be broadcast online via YouTube with CDs available on request for those who need them.

CONGREGATION

- A small congregation will be able to be present based on the current social distancing rules and guidelines.

ZOOM

- Gathering after broadcast on Sundays to continue up to the 20th June.

GROW Together

CONNECT STUDIES

- If allowed, CONNECT groups to meet in person
- Consideration given to whether online CONNECT groups or a hybrid group is viable.

PRAYER

- Following social distancing rules, people are safe to meet in small groups of between 3-6 for prayer. These groups could also be a place to share help and accountability pastorally for one another.
- Church will be encouraged to begin to gather in prayer in a way that follows Covid-secure guidelines.

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STAGE 3

Government ministers have said that they will make an announcement on 21st June. If all has gone to their plan, they are hoping to announce the lifting of social distancing restrictions.

We will of course still need to wait to know if there are any requirements for indoors relating to face coverings, singing and the serving of refreshments.

We hope that by July we will return to gathering together fully. However, we are also aware that many people will, if allowed, be wanting to travel to see family etc.... plus, we will be getting used to being together as a full congregation.

Therefore, through July and August our services will remain all-age and will be of a reasonable length of time.

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CONGREGATION

- We will return to meeting in person following any government rules or guidelines that remain or are put into place.

ZOOM

- As we are back to meeting in person ZOOM Sunday Gatherings will cease.

GROW Together

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GATHERED

No Longer

SCATTERED

A new school term in September will mark the end of the summer holiday season and in church life is usually a time to focus on a new season as groups and ministries start their new sessions.

Having allowed us time to regather in the previous few months in September. We will take some time as a church to come together to remember those who are unable to come and worship with us. For some this will be because of health or age, but there are also those who have been called to glory during the pandemic. It will be important for us as a church to acknowledge the loss in our church family of those who we love.

Alongside this, we will also come with thanksgiving that God has brought us through this unprecedented time as we now begin to refocus our minds on building and seeing the kingdom of God come here on earth, just as it is in heaven.

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REBOOTING GROUPS / MINISTRIES

Over a number of months, we have talked about groups and ministries not just restarting to what they were before the pandemic, but rebooting or upgrading when they are ready to recommence.

In some cases, some groups might not reboot at all, but instead begin from scratch with a new purpose and ethos to serve those to whom they seek to minister.

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 see 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?**

OTHER INFORMATION

CPBC AGM 2021

Nominations are open for our deacons' elections at our Church AGM in June. Details were sent out in the previous newsletter which can be downloaded from our church website.

At our AGM there will be 2 vacancies.

Nominations can be made in writing or by email and should be both seconded and confirmed by the candidate. These must be with our church secretary *no later than* **MAY 20th, 2021**.

RESPONSE FORMS

In order to help us with our planning, we would be grateful if you would complete the response form at the end of this newsletter. Either please detach the last page or print from the PDF file and post it, marked "confidential", to:

Rev Steve Christian
Clarence Park Baptist Church
Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1ED

Alternatively,

Please complete online using the following link:

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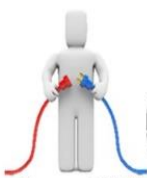
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WORSHIP God

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connect

Connect With God, Connect With Others, Connect With Christ

A Time of Bible study, Reflection and taking
the theme of Sunday services further.

Tuesdays Via ZOOM

Gather for Virtual Coffee 7:15pm
Prayer and study 7:30pm

ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 872 5903 3329
Passcode: connect

Wednesdays Via ZOOM

Start 7:45pm

ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 885 2276 8761
Passcode: connect

CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP God GROW Together SERVE Others

If you would like to give to the ministry and
work of our church, please do so either

By CHEQUE Payable to:

'Clarence Park Baptist Church'

To
Clarence Park Baptist Church,
Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare,
North Somerset BS23 1ED

Or by BACS

Clarence Park Baptist Church,
CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ

Sort Code 40-52-40
Account Number 00005145



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for details on our website

RESPONSE FORM

As we prepare for moving forward, it would help us if you are able to indicate how you are feeling about regathering at church.

Responses will be held in the strictest confidence.

NAME/
Contact Tel number

1. **Do you feel ready to come back to worship in person?** (please circle) Y / N
2. **From when do you feel you are likely to want to attend?** (please circle)

I'm Ready **NOW** / **JUNE** / **JULY** / **AUG** / **SEPT**
/ **LATER** in the year / **NEVER**

3. **Would you consider helping to serve on one of the following teams:**

PLEASE TICK

WORSHIP (MUSICIAN / SINGER)	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
WORSHIP – Technical Audio Visual / PA / STREAMING	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUNDAY SERVICE WELCOME TEAM	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUNDAY CLUB	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONNECT GROUP - Host / Leader	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
PASTORAL VISITING	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
YOUTH WORK	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADMIN	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
RENEW WELLBEING	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOODBANK	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER - Please describe

4. **I would like to talk to the minister about becoming a church member** YES NO
5. **I would like information on giving regularly to the church / Gift Aid** YES NO