



The Methodist Church

Trinity Methodist Church

Brentgovel Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1EB

Registered Charity : 1129116

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16th August 2020

Dear Friends

Re-opening of Trinity Methodist Church Building for Worship

I am delighted to say that we are nearly ready to open the building for worship. The risk assessment team have been working extremely hard on your behalf to do a full Covid 19 safe risk assessment for this to happen. The Church Council have met and have agreed that the building be opened for worship but not for lettings at the moment. We will initially be opening for one Sunday a month. However, it will mean that things will not be the same as they were before and below you will see what is needed for us to be able to do be as safe as possible. Some of this is government ruling and other guidance from the Methodist Connexion and Government.

- The first service will be on 6th September and time of the service is 10.00 a.m.
- In order to maintain the 2-metre safe distance rule we are limited on the number of people who can be in the sanctuary for the service. Therefore there is a booking service and you will be given a seat and a time to arrive when you book (details to book below). If the service is overbooked then you will receive priority for the next service.
- You must wear a face cover at all times in a place of worship
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival and again before entering the sanctuary
- The stewards will direct you to your seat please keep all your belongings with you, including coats
- Doors and windows will be open for ventilation so dress accordingly
- If you need assistance then you will need to bring someone with you, we are unable to aid you
- There will be no singing, the service will be between 30 and 40 minutes using material from the worship sheet and will be a service of Holy Communion.
- There is no parking on the front of the church as this will be used for queueing to enter the building
- After the service you will be directed on leaving and we would ask you to move away from the building so that others can leave
- We will use the projector, however if you would like to use your own books you will need to bring them with you and take them away afterwards

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- There will be a basket at the entry to the sanctuary should you wish to place your gifts in it
- We will only have one toilet available for use, which is the easy access toilet
- We will continue to produce the worship sheet, video recording for the website, and the zoom service which will be at 10.00 a.m.

I am sorry that there seems to be so many instructions and this may all seem very strange to us; however I feel soon it will become the norm just as we are all used to wearing masks and queueing in order to go into shops.

The risk assessment team have also asked me to also resend to you the personal risk assessment and ask you to reread this before considering whether you feel safe to come to church or not.

I would like to thank the risk assessment team who have and continue to work so hard to make this happen – Ann Hunt, David Wakeford, Eyo Inameti and Matt Stammers.

We continue to worship God, we have never stopped worshipping God, it has just been that we have worshipped in different ways.

God bless

Debbie

Booking details

For Sunday 6th September:

phone Ann Hunt – on any of the following dates/times

Tuesday 1st September 6.00- 9.00pm

Wednesday 2nd September 6.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday 3rd September 6.00 – 9.00pm

Friday 4th September 6.00 – 9.00 pm

(please contact trinitynotices@live.co.uk if you need Ann's phone number)

For Sunday 4th October:

phone David Wakeford on any of the following dates/times

Tuesday 29th September 6.00- 9.00pm

Wednesday 30th September 6.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday 1st October 6.00 – 9.00pm

Friday 2nd October 6.00 – 9.00 pm

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