

## Guidelines for attending public worship under level 3 lock-down restrictions

We are excited about the opportunity to meet together again as a church for public worship from Sunday 14 June 2020. Our meeting will take place at 10:30 as per normal in the church hall of the RC Rietvallei.

Below are the guidelines which we have drawn up in order to ensure that our meetings are safe and, as far as possible, in accordance with the government regulations. We imagine that these restrictions will continue for a long time as we learn to live with the risks of the virus.

1. Our church gatherings are limited to 50 people in a single service. In order to ensure that we remain within this limit:

- An electronic form link will be sent to all church members and regular attendees on a Monday morning (e.g. Monday 8 June). If you plan on attending the worship service, you should indicate your desire to do so by completing the form **before** Thursday 18:00. Please only do one entry per household.
- If there are spaces available, a new 'Visitors form' will be produced on the Friday. This form will be shared on Facebook and on our WhatsApp group and you can then send it to any friends or family. This will allow outside visitors an opportunity to also attend our service.
- If we discover that there are numerous visitors who would like to attend our services but are unable to do so due to the limit of 50 people, we will consider holding two services.

**2. Please do not come to the worship service if you are showing any of the following symptoms associated with COVID-19:** fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, body aches, loss of smell or loss of taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness or unusual tiredness. We will assume that all attendees have already 'self-screened' before arrival. This is very important, and we request that you be very aware of your health and symptoms in order to protect both your own health and the health of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

3. You will be expected to wear a mask for the duration of the worship service. Please ensure that your children also have a mask.

4. You will be required to sanitise your hands on arrival, where a sanitising station will be set up. Your temperature will also be taken with an infrared thermal thermometer and if it is too high, you will unfortunately not be permitted to join us for the worship service (as per government regulations).

5. The government wishes to prohibit any kind of socialisation before or after the worship service by stipulating that there must be no physical contact between persons and a distance of 1.5m should be maintained. Chairs will be arranged in the hall so that social distance is maintained.

6. Please aim to arrive at the church hall for 10:20, so that there is enough time to do the screening. This will inevitably mean that there will be some 'waiting' in the area immediately outside of the church hall, which will give you an opportunity to greet each other and welcome visitors.

7. A rota for cleaning and preparing the church hall will be drawn up by our deacons and shared with church members.

8. If possible, please try and make your diaconal and church fund contributions by means of EFTs rather than cash.

9. We hope to continue live-streaming the Bible reading, sermon and prayer of response on Facebook. An audio recording of the sermon will be made available on our website on the Sunday afternoon.