



ChristChurch Banstead

Opening During the Coronavirus

What you need to know

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Introduction

The information given below relating to our Sunday service arrangements will be kept under review and updated as appropriate.

Though we are delighted to be able to meet please be aware that our gatherings will feel quite different and normality may not resume for some time. Nonetheless, we believe that all the extra inconveniences are worth it so that we can be together in person.

May we encourage sensitivity towards one another. Some will not be anxious in the least and some may be feeling very anxious. Others will not feel comfortable attending. Please show grace to one another, showing respect and bearing with one another in love.

This document contains a lot of information. Please be assured that there will be stewards and others on hand to help and direct at each of the services should you be unsure.

If, at any point, you develop COVID-19 symptoms please inform us: office@christchurchbanstead.org so we can support you and also inform anyone who may have been in contact with you.

Timing

We are glad to announce that ChristChurch Banstead is currently open. Services will last between 45 minutes and an hour.

Pre-Service Prayer Meetings

These will take place via Zoom at 9am. Please see the NEWS for Zoom codes.

News

We will continue to send NEWS electronically and updates will be issued via email and/or social media. Paper copies of the NEWS are available on request.

Services

Will be held each Sunday at 10.15am and 6.15pm. These services will take place in the Main Auditorium with two overflow areas, first the Lounge and then the YouthZone. This service is for adults and those in school year 6 and above. Arrangements for children (and babies) are in a separate section and children's group leaders will be in touch with families separately to explain further detail of the arrangements.

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: Youth activities are suspended. YP1 will meet on Zoom before the 10.15am service and YP2 after the 6.15pm service].

Safety

Government advice ([here](#)) has been followed and a full Risk Assessment of all activities has been undertaken.

We appreciate this will be difficult, but you must avoid physical contact such as hugging or shaking hands. You must also avoid touching surfaces - other than when essential, i.e. handles for opening toilet door or taps.

Other safety advice is included in this document under the relevant section headings.

Attendance

You must not attend if you are showing any COVID-19 symptoms. Those who are shielded (who will have been contacted by the government) should not currently attend worship services. Please also be aware that those over 70 have a significantly increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 and so should seriously weigh the risk of attendance.

We ask you to attend only one service each Sunday. The exceptions to this are those who will be serving in both services and the children's work team who have missed the adult morning service. We expect the 6.15pm service to be less busy and so encourage evening attendance where possible.

Booking

You do not need to book. There is sufficient, but limited, space in the Auditorium. Once the Auditorium is filled you will be directed to the overflow areas in the YouthZone and the Lounge. There will be space for everyone who wishes to attend.

Online Services

The morning and evening services will have different content and will be streamed online. By request, DVDs will be available for those who need them.

Music, Baptism and Communion

The current government guidance prohibits congregational singing and permits solo singing where essential. Pre-recorded or instrumental music may form part of the service and when this takes place, we ask you to refrain from singing.

Baptism is only permitted by sprinkling and not by immersion.

Communion is permitted, though presents logistical challenges. Bread will be served on cocktail sticks and wine in individual cups. Servers will sanitise their hands prior to distributing communion and seek to maintain as much distance as possible from worshippers. All procedures will be thoroughly explained as and when we share bread and wine together.

[UPDATE 4/9: Baptism is now permitted under defined circumstances. Singing from the music group is also permitted].

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: Communion is currently suspended to maintain social distancing. This is made more important by the emergence of the more transmissible variant of the virus].

Carparking

This will remain unaffected. Parking will be available in the front and rear car parks. Please maintain your social distance whilst in the car parks.

[13/1/2021: Please vacate the carpark and grounds without delay once the service is over].

Arrival

We aim to start services on time in order to minimise the amount of time we gather in the building and for the sake of those tuning in via YouTube.

Please aim to arrive up to 15 minutes before the service in order to enable enough time to have your temperature checked and, if necessary, register, and be seated before the service starts.

Queuing, Checks, Registration, and Entry

Please maintain social distancing by observing the floor markings. The stewards will be on hand to direct people and to help you enter the building as quickly and safely as possible. Please help the stewards by following all their directions.

Whilst you queue, you will be asked to 'register' and provide a name and phone number so the NHS can contact you in the highly unlikely event of infection. This can be done in advance via our website. This is not compulsory.

You will be asked if you have any COVID-19 symptoms (a new and persistent cough, a temperature of 37.8°C or above, or a change in your ability to taste or smell). If you have not been able to take your own temperature before coming people will be able to do this for you. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked not to enter the church building.

Upon entering the building, you must cleanse your hands with the hand-sanitizer provided. Please do this as quickly as possible before finding a seat.

*Children in the rear hall do not need to queue but proceed directly to the side entrance to be checked and then registered by their group leader. Parents dropping off children at the side-entrance will need to return, join the queue, and enter through the main entrance.

[UPDATE 25/9: For those who choose, an NHS QR code will be displayed in several locations on site and can be scanned. This is entirely optional. However, our test and trace lists must still be kept for all who attend.]

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: All children's groups are currently suspended to accord with government guidance introduced on Dec 22.]

Seating

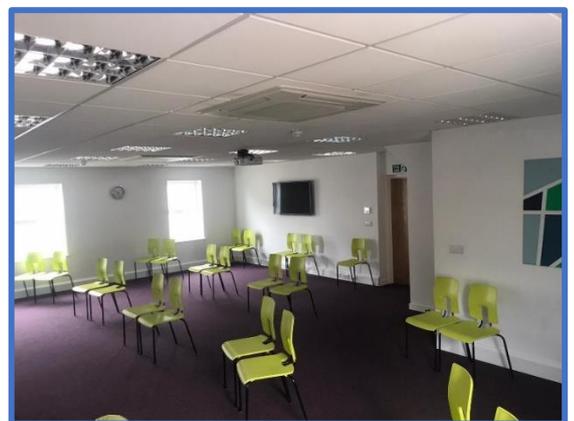
All seating has been arranged with a minimum of 1m distance between side-facing chairs and 1.5m distance between 'rows'. This is in accordance with the 1m+ mitigation guidance. The mitigations are these: no face to face seating, ventilation, and a wide aisle to assist entering and exiting.

Please do not sit next to someone who is not in your household/support bubble, even if there is a spare seat.

[UPDATE 21/7: Please do not move around the auditorium to chat or greet people during the service].

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: The distance between seats has been increased to a minimum of 2m].

Seats have mainly been arranged in pairs with some single seats and some triplets. Please do not move the seats but leave any chair moving to the stewards. A few seats will inevitably have to remain unoccupied.



Face Coverings and PPE

Face coverings and masks are mandatory for all except for those with valid exemptions. If you have an exemption, please be sensitive to the fact that others may be unaware and for this reason you may be asked to sit towards the rear of the auditorium or overflow area.

In the event of you requiring medical attention our First Aiders will have full PPE available to them.

Bibles

You will not be permitted to use church bibles. A service sheet, including bible readings, will be placed on each chair. Though not essential, we would encourage you to bring your own bibles.

What to Bring

You may wish to bring the following:- (i) an umbrella (or coat) in case you need to queue in the rain; (ii) A water bottle; (iii) A warm jumper or coat if the weather is cold, as windows and doors will be open to provide ventilation; (iv) A bible, notebook and pen, as these will not be provided – though the printed text of the preaching passage will be; (v) a face covering or mask.

Exit

Exiting will begin from the front immediately the service concludes. Do not form a queue to exit but leave as soon as the way is clear. (Those with children in the Rear Hall should wait until everyone else has exited then follow behind promptly.) Take any sheets left on your seat and deposit them in the paper-recycling bin by the exit if you do not wish to keep them. Those in the Main Auditorium should exit via the side-door. Those in the Lounge should exit via the door they entered. Those in the YouthZone should go down the office stairs and exit via the door next to the Funeral Director's. Those with children should collect them immediately. Please disperse promptly.

[UPDATE 24/9: Please disperse through the carpark and vacate the premises without stopping to chat].

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: children's work is currently suspended].

Fire

In the event of an alarm the service leader will instruct you to leave through the nearest exit, and the one-way system will not operate. Your children should not be collected but will already be exiting the building and brought to you outside the old police station (which is adjacent to the Funeral Director).

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: children and youth work is currently suspended].

Toilets

These will be open, but we strongly encourage you to go before you come. Once you have used the facilities please wash your hands thoroughly and use the wipes provided to clean the door lock, seat, the toilet flush, taps, and anything else you have touched.

Drinking Water

This will not be available except for medical need. Please bring your own water bottle if you wish.

Creche, Children, and YouthWork

Those in our children's groups will go straight to their groups and not join the main service. You should aim to drop off your child between 10am and 10.10am. The children will be checked before being registered by their group leader. Those entering by the main entrance will be checked along with the adults. Those entering by the side entrances will be checked there. Parents dropping off children at the side-entrances should not enter the building but return to join the queue at the main entrance. Parents will not be permitted to enter the main auditorium from the side-entrance.

We would be grateful if parents took responsibility to help their children respect social distancing and avoid physical contact before and after their time in groups.

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: All children's and youth work is currently suspended. Resources are available via the group leaders. Those in Kids Alive, who will meet during the service can obtain Zoom Codes from Lisa Travers. YP1 will meet on Zoom before the morning service and YP2 after the evening services. Codes are available from David Ridal].

Creche

This will operate each morning but will meet downstairs in the left-hand section of the foyer (where the bookstall normally is.)

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: In order to minimise contact the creche will contain toys that will be cleaned each week but will not be manned].

Children

Please refer to the arrival/exit instructions for arrival and exit.

Each child will be assigned a 'bubble' of 12 children (max). Within the bubble, social-distancing measures will not be followed though contact will be discouraged. Children will remain in this bubble throughout the summer, keeping the same leaders. Your child's leader will be in touch to tell you what colour bubble your child will join and meeting place. If you meet in the rear hall you must drop off and collect your children via the side entrances. If your children are meeting in the Upper Room you must drop off and collect your children via the main entrance, entering via the queueing

system that will be in place for the Main Auditorium. Children should be collected immediately the service concludes.

[UPDATE 4/9: As we have now entered the Autumn term our usual groups resume for children. A new Treasure Seekers bubble will meet in the back hall (drop-off arrangements as before - 10am, side entrance). A new Kids Alive bubble will meet in the upper room (drop-off at 10am at the main front door of the church building).]

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: All in-person children's work is currently suspended in line with Government guidance].

Youth

YP1 (Years 6-9) - will be meeting online on Zoom before the morning service, from 8:40-9:30am. We encourage those in YP1 to then gather with the rest of the church family in the main service at 10:15am. If you are a parent of a child in YP1, please contact David Ridal for more details. **YP2 (Years 10-13)** - will be meeting from 8-9pm in the main church building. Please wear masks and adhere to social distancing.]

[UPDATE 13/1/2021: All in-person youth work is currently suspended. YP1 will meet on Zoom before the morning service and YP2 after the evening services. Details are available via David Ridal].

Refreshments

No refreshments will be served.