



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. **This most recent update [April 2021] contains several updates on previous versions.**

Though meeting in person is far preferable without being able to sing and wearing masks make our gatherings feel quite different. Nonetheless, we believe that the extra inconveniences should not deter us from meeting.

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 approximately an hour and communion services up to 75 minutes.

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 an overflow area in the rear hall. Children and our younger youth group (YP1) will meet in separate parts of the building during the morning. Our older youth group (YP2) will also meet after the evening 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 shielding (who will have been contacted by the government) should not currently attend worship services. Please also be aware that those over 70 who are not vaccinated have a significantly increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 and so should seriously weigh the risk of attendance.

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 area. There should be space for everyone who wishes to attend.

Online Services

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

Music, Baptism and Communion

The current government guidance prohibits indoor congregational singing but permits singing by the music group. As such, we ask you to refrain from singing.

Services of baptism are permitted. Communion is also 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.

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.

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. Alternative NHS QR codes are displayed in several locations for scanning. This is optional. However, our test and trace lists must still be kept for all who attend.

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 sanitizer provided. Please do this as quickly as possible before finding a seat.

Seating

All seating has been arranged with a minimum of 1.5m 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.

Please do not move around the auditorium to chat or greet people during the service.

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 and through the front immediately the service concludes. Do not form a queue to exit but leave as soon as the way is clear. Those in the Rear Hall will leave via the Fire Exit at the rear of the hall. 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 with children should collect them immediately. Please disperse promptly.

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).

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 by 10.10am. The children will be temperature checked at the entrance before being registered by their group leader.

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.

Creche

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

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 15 children (max). Within the bubble, social-distancing measures will not be followed though contact will be discouraged. Children will remain in this bubble, keeping the same leaders.

Treasure Seekers and Little Diggers will meet in the Lounge. Kids Alive will meet in the Upper Room. The Creche will take place in the foyer of the main building.

Treasure Seekers and Little Diggers should queue with adults to have their temperatures checked and then return to enter via the lobby where they will be registered and given hand-sanitizer by their group leader. Kids Alive and those with creche-aged children should enter via the main entrance with the adults.

Children should be collected immediately the service concludes.

Youth

YP1 (Years 6-9) – will meet in the YouthZone during the 10.15am service. They should queue with adults to be registered and temperature checked before returning to the entrance to the YouthZone on the High Street where they will be greeted by a leader with hand-sanitizer. After the service they will be brought to the front carpark for collection. David Ridal has been in touch with further details.

YP2 (Years 10-13) - will attend the evening service at 6.15pm before meeting. David Ridal has been in touch with further details.

Refreshments

These will take place after the morning service in Chuck's Meadow. Please observe social distancing and the rule of 6 or a maximum of 2 family groups.

Evening refreshments are currently suspended.