

## **Rivington Chapel Opening for Service following the National Lockdown announced 4 January 2021**

A revised risk assessment has been written to ensure that the Chapel remains COVID-19 secure. This will be put on our web page for anyone who wishes to see it.

As you may expect, services will not be quite the same as before whilst the COVID-19 measures are in place. We have listed below what you may expect if you join us in one of our services.

1. Please do not attend the service if you are showing any signs of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell)
2. On arrival or departure from the Chapel please use the sanitiser that will be provided
3. All the hard surfaces in the Chapel will be wiped down at least 48 hours before the service
4. As long as there is a 48-hour window before the service where the chapel is not being used, then hymnbooks and cushions will be available in the pews. If the Chapel is used less than 48 hours before the service, then the hymnbooks and cushions will need to be removed. In this case, any service materials (such as sheets containing the hymns) need to be removed from the Chapel and disposed of appropriately
5. No food or drink is allowed inside the Chapel
6. If the organ is used, then the keyboard should be wiped down before and after the service
7. There will be a one-way system in operation. The direction of the one-way system will depend on that being used by the tea-room.
8. Before the service, a member of the Chapel will remind everyone of the COVID-19 rules
9. Social distancing must be in place at all times. This means that you should stay 2 metres apart from any other household/bubble. You should not sit in a pew that is adjacent to any other household/bubble. i.e. always leave at least one pew between your household/bubble and another household/bubble
10. Whilst the National Lockdown is in place, there must be no socialising/mingling between different households/bubbles either within or outside the building.
11. Face coverings must be worn at all times within the Chapel unless you are medically exempt. The exception to this is that the person leading the service can choose not to wear one. You are permitted to remove the face covering if reading or leading prayers etc.
12. It is permissible to have instrumental music, or professional or amateur singing groups. However, the congregation must not join in any singing. Any groups must adhere to the usual social distancing measures and mitigate against aerosol transmission where possible
13. Any spoken responses, or communal prayers, must not be in raised voices, and face coverings must still be worn
14. If you are a regular attender at the Chapel, and we already know your contact details, we shall only make a note of the fact that you are attending. If we do not know your contact details, we will ask you for them and the information will be kept for 21 days in line with GDPR. The information is required for NHS Track and Trace purposes
15. You should stagger your arrival and departure to help maintain social distancing and avoid bottlenecks
16. If there is a collection, receptacles will be placed at suitable points, and not passed around. The handles will be sanitised before and after the service. The treasurer will leave 48 hours before handling the money
17. The gates to the Chapel will be left open to avoid unnecessary contact

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