

## **Notes on Rivington Chapel COVID measures for services from 17 May 2021**

A revised risk assessment has been written following the relaxation of some COVID guidance from 17 May 2021. This will be put on our web page for anyone who wishes to see it.

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*As you may expect, services will still not be quite the same as before whilst the COVID-19 measures are in place, however, they should hopefully feel more 'normal' than during earlier restrictions. We have listed below what you may expect if you join us in one of our services.*

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1. Please do not attend the service if you or a household member are showing any symptoms of COVID-19
2. On arrival or departure from the Chapel please use the sanitiser that will be provided
3. No food or drink is allowed inside the Chapel
4. Although we won't be operating a one-way system into and out of the Chapel, please follow any signage being used by the Tea Room to gain access through the grounds
5. Before the service, a member of the Chapel will remind everyone of the COVID-19 rules
6. Face coverings must still be worn at all times inside 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 doing a reading or leading prayers etc.
7. Social distancing inside the Chapel will still be in place, but somewhat more relaxed than previously:
  - All pews will now be available
  - Please ensure that you at least 1 metre away from any other household if wearing a face covering. If you are not wearing a face covering, either because you are exempt or leading the service, then please maintain a distance of 2 metres from other households
  - Please do not mingle inside the Chapel in groups of more than 6 people (or 2 households)
  - Please keep the aisles and the area near the doors as clear as possible to enable others to pass safely
8. The congregation is still not permitted to sing inside the building. Professional or small amateur singing groups are permitted, but social distancing and mitigations against aerosol transmission should be used
9. It is permissible to have instrumental music
10. Any spoken responses, or communal prayers, must not be in raised voices, and face coverings must still be worn
11. There will be QR codes available for using the NHS Test and Trace app. Alternatively, for visitors, there will also be a form to record your details. The information is required for NHS Track and Trace purposes and will only be kept for 21 days in line with GDPR. We will keep a list of regular attenders whose details we already know
12. At the end of the service, it would be best if people moved outside the building where groups of up to 30 are allowed and face coverings can be removed. Whilst outside, social distancing should still be observed
13. It is permitted to sing communal hymns in the churchyard as long as households stand well apart and do not face each other to mitigate against aerosol transmission.

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