

Harden Congregational Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – information for those attending Sunday worship services.

Welcome to our church. We are pleased to open our doors again for worship. We take our responsibility, under the law, to care for your health and safety very seriously and have taken every effort to keep you safe. A full return for worship risk assessment has been carried out and can be e mailed to you by request. It is also available on our web site (www.hardencongs.org.uk) and is displayed on the church premises.

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU HAVE COVID 19 SYMPTOMS.

We would also remind you that, if you are 70 or older, government advice is take precautions to keep yourself as safe as possible as you are at increased risk of severe disease. Also, those with underlying medical conditions should act with caution.

To keep us all safe we ask that you read the following instructions and follow them. Church members will be on hand to help you if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR PLACE AT WORSHIP BY COMPLETING A BOOKING FORM OR PHONING ON 07932156337

1. Please **keep to the left** as you go up the outside steps to the front door. Handrails will be wiped down each time they are used.
2. **Please refrain from touching any doors.** Our doors will be propped open for you. A church member will be in the vestibule to guide you.
3. If we do not already have your **contact details** please give these to the deacon on door duty for **track and trace** purposes.
4. Please take a bottle of hand sanitiser from the church member and **use the sanitiser to clean your hands** before entering the church room. Please also **take a mask and put it on** before entering the church room. Masks are now compulsory in places of worship unless you have a medical exemption.
5. Use the **left hand door** to enter the church room.
6. Remember to stay well away from others who are attending for worship. Although it may be tempting to greet each other and talk, please do not speak in the church room unless absolutely necessary. **Please observe the 2m distance rule.**
7. Please go straight to sit in one of the chairs set out at a distance in the church. Pre-booked chairs will be labelled with your name. You can sit together in a group if you are from a single household or if you are bubbling with one other single person. If you can avoid touching the chairs we would be grateful (with anything except your bottom of course!) We have selected chairs without arms on purpose. If you need a chair with arms or assistance please ask the church member in the church room. This will be the minister or one of the deacons.
8. Please sit quietly whilst you prepare for worship. **Meet God here in this place.**
9. Please do not leave your seat to go and speak to others.
10. The service will start at 10.30am and last approximately 40 minutes.
11. We are unable to offer tea, coffee or social time after the service. We recognise that it is difficult not to be enjoying this aspect of gathering together. There are no restrictions on talking with members outside the church and some of you may choose to visit the park together for a chat or a walk. Remember to observe the national restrictions on outdoor meetings.
12. Our toilets will be available for use and have undergone a deep clean. However, it would be helpful if you would avoid this if possible.
13. Deacons will wear visors and the minister/preacher will be behind a clear screen during the service.

14. Children are welcome to attend the service but must sit with their families at all times. Play equipment will not be available but we are happy to for children to bring one toy or book with them. Please do not allow children to share toys and books with each other.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

15. When the service is over you will be asked to leave the building, observing social distancing. Please take instructions from the duty deacon.

16. When it is your turn to leave please exit through the door by the sound system.

17. Please **keep to your left** when going down the outside steps.

18. Dispose of your mask safely. Keep your hand sanitiser for your next visit.

19. Please take this sheet home with you.

20. Take the peace of the Lord with you.

PLEASE NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OR CRITICAL INCIDENT PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS ON DUTY AND LEAVE THE BUILDING AS QUICKLY AS IS SAFELY POSSIBLE. THE FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT IS ACROSS THE ROAD, OUTSIDE THE PHARMACY.