



# Valley Church

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## Welcome home!

We're so glad to be able to host you in our church building again. Galatians 6:10 tells us to, as we have opportunity, do good to everyone, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Let's take this opportunity to do good to everyone by adhering to the following declaration.

## What must we do to keep one another safe?

**Social distancing** – We're all used to hearing it now, but it's still important to stay two metres apart (or one metre apart with actions taken where a 2 metre distance is not possible. These actions include use of face coverings or facing away from an individual or a group). From the 8th August, you will be required by law to wear face coverings in place of worship. There are legitimate reasons (found [here](#)) for not wearing a face covering. Children under the age of 11 are not required to wear them. We therefore ask everyone attending to come prepared as masks will not be provided.

**Physical contact** – It's exciting to see friends that we've missed for so long! So please be careful to remember that for the moment, hugs, handshakes, and any other form of physical contact should be avoided between different households.

**Sanitise** – Please sanitise your hands when entering and before leaving the building using the sanitiser provided, and wash/sanitise them whenever possible, particularly before/after eating, using a tissue or touching your face.

**Symptoms** – If you have a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, you must stay home with your household. If you develop symptoms after attending, you must inform us immediately by emailing [general@valleychurch.eu](mailto:general@valleychurch.eu). We will continue streaming services online.

**Parental responsibility** – Please keep a close eye on your children, keep them with you at all times, and do your best to make sure they follow all the guidelines, too. If you're bringing young children, feel free to bring toys and books to help entertain them (although these shouldn't be shared with anyone outside of your household or support bubble).

**Follow directions** – There are signs throughout the building telling you which direction to go - please pay attention to them and follow them. The car park entrance will be the door you enter by, with a one way system through the building. The door at the front of the building by the reception desk will be exit-only.

**Contact info** – If you haven't already signed up, we will ask you to submit your contact details on the door which would be passed to NHS Track and Trace if necessary.

**Arriving/Departing** – The doors will be open from 10:20, with the service starting at 10:30. Please arrive as close to the start of the service as possible, and leave the auditorium as soon as it is finished. At the end of the service, you may either return to your car or visit Valley Coffee, which will be open to the public.

**Volume** – As per government guidelines, please remember to talk at a normal speaking volume, and avoid singing or shouting.

**Local Restrictions** – In accordance to government regulations, if you live in one of the affected areas, you should not socialise with people you do not live with. Whilst you may attend these venues with people you live with (or are in a support bubble with), it is important that you should avoid interaction with others. For more information, follow this [link](#).

**Foreign Travel** – Coronavirus regulations mean that you must self-isolate for 14 days if you arrive in the UK from a country outside the common travel area. Please ensure you keep up to date with government guidelines (found [here](#)) and self-isolate as appropriate.

## In Valley Coffee...

We are so blessed to have such an amazing facility on site, and even more so since the government has made it clear that while churches should refrain from serving refreshments for the time being, coffee shops connected to churches are allowed to open.

This means that on Sunday, Valley Coffee will be professionally staffed and open to the public. Our staff are following stringent cleaning measures, and will sanitise everything customers come into contact with. This is worth remembering, especially for those of us who feel at home there; let's avoid table-hopping and keep our eyes open to their instructions.

If visiting Valley Coffee after the service, you will need to exit by the reception desk, turn right and enter Valley Coffee by its main entrance, sign in at the iPad/sanitising station, and follow the instructions by choosing a clean table to sit at and sending one of your party up to place an order, following the one-way system.

Please remember the government advice about gatherings, and avoid forming groups consisting of more than two different households. This is particularly important for those attending who live in area currently in local lockdown - please ensure you only socialise with people you live with. For more information, follow this [link](#).

## We're so looking forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with us at [general@valleychurch.eu](mailto:general@valleychurch.eu)