



Groups meeting in the Trinity Church building

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it safe to meet again? What measures have you put in place to keep people safe?

- We have followed guidance from both the Government and the Church of England regarding being Covid-19 secure.
- We have completed a full and thorough risk assessment, which you can find on our website. If you're on our e-mail mailing list, you will have received a copy. External hirers have also been sent a copy of the risk assessment.
- We're asking people with symptoms or those who have been in contact with those with symptoms to stay at home (in accordance with Government guidance) and join us online.
- We have various notices around the building reminding people about hand hygiene, social distancing and symptoms plus lots of bottles of hand sanitiser.
- We'll have doors and windows open to increase ventilation and to limit the amount of things you need to touch. This means it may be a bit chilly, so feel free to bring an extra jumper!
- We have a cleaning schedule in place so that the building will be cleaned between different groups.
- All services and meetings will have social distancing in place.

2. Do I need to book?

- No, you don't need to book. Those running your group will be in touch about when you're meeting and where.
- External hirers may operate their own system, so members of those groups should contact their group leader.

3. What happens when I arrive?

- You'll receive a warm welcome from your group leader.
- If you drive to church, please use on street parking. The spaces on our drive will be reserved for those with blue badges or mobility issues.
- You may have to queue as group leaders will be letting people in one household at a time (there are distance markers for both the upstairs and downstairs entrance).
- Group leaders will ask for your consent to take your name and a contact number (if you're not in the church directory) for our Test and Trace list.
- Everyone will be asked to apply hand sanitiser on the way in. This will be provided.
- You'll then be shown where to go/where to sit by your group leader. They will have set up for the meeting before you arrive.

4. What will the groups look like?

- Hopefully most of groups will look fairly similar, but with a few changes.
 - We'll be socially distanced.
 - Unless exempt, everyone will be wearing a face covering.
 - The kitchens are closed, so please bring your own drink if you'll need one. Refreshments shouldn't be shared between members of different households.
 - If your group uses music, it should be played at a low enough level that people don't need to shout to be heard over it.
 - At present, groups cannot sing or use instruments that are blown in to.

5. What happens at the end of the group meeting?

- Your leader will ask people to leave one household at a time.
- You're welcome to use hand sanitiser on the way out if you wish to.
- We know that people may want to spend more time chatting and catching up, but at this point, we ask that you head home straight away.
- Your group leaders will then stay behind to do a 'Covid' clean following the cleaning schedule in the Risk Assessment so that the building is ready for the next group.

6. What if I show symptoms after being at a meeting in the church building?

- Please follow all Government guidance regarding self-isolating and testing.
- Please let Kate Smith in the church office know as we'd love to be able to help and support you (01298 26962). We will also need to deep clean the building prior to any other groups coming in. You can also let NHS Test and Trace that they can contact us for a list of attendees from the service you were present at so that they can begin contact tracing as they deem necessary.

7. Will I have to wear a face covering?

- Unless you are exempt, you will yes, as it is a legal requirement. We'll have some spares just in case you forget.
- If you're here for a Bible study group, the group leader is allowed to remove their face covering.
- Children under 11 don't need to wear face covering, nor do under 18s when taking part in Pathfinders.
- Those attending exercise classes in the building will need to wear a face covering until their class starts. They then need to put it back on again as soon as their class finishes.

8. Will I be able to use the toilet?

- Yes, of course! The toilets will be open as normal.

UPSTAIRS

- We're operating a one in, one out system so you may need to queue. Distance lines are marked out on the floor to help retain with social distancing.
- You'll be asked to sanitise your hands before and after using the toilets. This will be provided by the entrance to the toilets.
- There is plenty of soap and hand towels available. Our hot water can be a little slow, so feel free to run the tap for a while!

DOWNSTAIRS

- We just have one toilet open to help to minimise cleaning.
- There is no queuing system downstairs so please just go one at a time from the hall itself, using hand sanitiser on the way in and out (there will be a bottle on top of the piano in the hall)

9. I'm classed as vulnerable. Should I attend?

- Everyone who chooses to attend does so at their risk. Please consider your own level of vulnerability before making a decision.
- We're doing everything we can to minimise the risk of transmission, but we can't get rid of it completely.

10. I have more questions. Who can I speak to?

- Please phone or e-mail the church office and speak to Kate Smith. The number is 01298 26962 or e-mail admin@trinitychurchbuxton.org.uk.