

Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church

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Guidelines for church activities after Step 4

In July 2021 most COVID-19 legal restrictions were lifted in England. These guidelines set out how Kirby-le-Soken Evangelical Church conducts its activities in this new environment. It was updated following the introduction of Plan B and again for the move back to Plan A. This update follows the removal of most legal restrictions at the end of February 2022.

This document is owned and agreed by the church council who review it regularly.

As a church council we recognise that the coronavirus pandemic is still continuing, and despite vaccinations many people in the local area are testing positive. We recognise our duty of care to all who come to the church including the elderly and vulnerable, and publish these guidelines to reassure them that we are working to keep them safe.

1. The church is open for morning and evening worship on Sundays, Mums and Toddlers on Tuesdays (term time only), Prayer and Bible Study on Thursdays, Coffee Morning on Fridays, a monthly work morning and other activities as announced.
2. Anyone with symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, or having a high temperature or not feeling well, should follow the government advice to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
3. If you test positive for COVID-19 the government advice is try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test. At the end of this period, if you have a high temperature or feel unwell, try to follow this advice until you feel well enough to resume normal activities and you no longer have a high temperature if you had one.
4. We will make the Sunday morning and evening services available on Skype for those unable to attend. Audio recordings of messages are available on the church website, and videos on a memory stick.
5. Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrances to the building and we request that everyone uses it as they come in.
6. There is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering and social distancing is a matter of personal choice. We recognise that some will wish to take a cautious approach and will continue to wear face coverings particularly on Sunday mornings and at other times when there are many people in the building.
7. We recognise the need to provide good ventilation and will open windows as appropriate to maintain air circulation.
8. We will hold communion services in the normal manner, but leave the elements covered until they are to be served.
9. Refreshments are served at some events. Those involved in preparing and serving food should wash their hands regularly and follow good practice in line with food hygiene standards.
10. We will not restrict numbers attending the church, but will continue to space rows of seats further apart than normal and provide overflow seating in a separate area when the provided seating capacity is full.

Document History

Issue 1	23-Jul-21	Introduction of Step 4 guidance
Issue 2	17-Dec-21	Plan B regulations
Issue 3	3-Feb-22	Back to Plan A
Issue 4	10-Mar-22	Removal of most legal restrictions
Issue 5	16-Jul-22	General updates to reflect current guidance and practice

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