

UNITY OLDLAND METHODIST CHURCH

A Steward's meeting was held on Monday evening to discuss the arrangements for Sunday worship. The next review will be at Church Council on Tues 7th Sept.

The Methodist Church issued new guidelines on 13th July and urged caution for the sake of others in the church, community and for self-care. They also suggested regular reviews in light of changes in the area and infection rates.

Rev David Willis asked us all to trust each other on the decisions that are made. As a church, Unity has taken time to consult before making changes and are aware that some members may still be fearful about returning to worship in case rules are broken. Discussions were held about social distancing, mask wearing and singing.

The following was agreed to enable all members to attend worship and to feel safe in our worship environment.

- The wearing of face masks is strongly encouraged to benefit others.
- Members are asked to observe social distancing in the building.
- Chairs will be Socially distanced in the Sanctuary, Vestibule and Hall.
- **Singing with masks on, will only take place in the Sanctuary.**
- The one-way system will still be in place for members using the Sanctuary

Those sitting in the vestibule and hall will enter and leave by the front doors.

- A collection plate will be on the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.
- Hand sanitiser to be used by all on arrival
- Track and trace will continue

Worship will still follow the plan until the end of August. The next service at Unity is Sunday 8th August with Holy Communion, led by Rev David Willis.

We will seat 30 people in the Sanctuary and there will be no need to book a place if you have already attended a worship service recently. Please let me know if you are **unable to attend by the Friday, to help with seating plans.**

Also please let me know if you wish to be seated in the vestibule or hall. We are hoping to set up a video link in the hall.

Any questions please email or phone me 0117 932 4525

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