

# COVID protection - Important information regarding Sunday Worship

Dear church

You will be aware of increasing concerns about Omicron, the new COVID variant, and the Government's announcement of additional precautionary measures. You may also be aware of recent incidences of positive COVID cases within our church/Encounter Centre family. In view of the current situation we all need to be extremely careful in our interactions with each other. The Church Trustees/Leadership Team have reviewed our current arrangements for meeting together in the High School for Sunday worship. We have decided that, with effect from this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the following will apply:

- **Everyone who attends church in person will be required to wear a face mask throughout the service, including when seated and when singing.**  
The only exceptions will be for those who are singing/presenting/preaching from the front.
- Please continue to sit in your family groups, leaving appropriate space between each group.
- If you are able please take a lateral flow test before coming to church, and only attend if the test is negative.
- If you are not able to wear a face mask we respectfully request that you do not attend in person but join via Zoom on 8500. This is to ensure we don't place vulnerable church family members at undue risk.
- Note that our services will continue to be available via Zoom 8500, so no-one will be missing out.

Note that our carol service scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> December is taking place outdoors. Services for Christmas Day and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December are taking place via Zoom 8500. In the New Year we will be back in the High School, when the above arrangements will continue to apply.

We realise that this is once again a difficult time for us all. We all have a part to play in helping to keep each other safe so let's ensure that we do so, together.

Thank you for your co-operation. Please continue to pray for the protection of our community – may the Lord grant us hope and keep his mighty shield around us.

Blessings

Church Leadership Team