

## **Guidelines for Life Groups meeting at church Binscombe Church, Autumn 2020**

*We are pleased that under the government's "rule of 6", 6 people from different households are now allowed to meet together in a group. Of course, any meeting together must comply with the Government COVID-19 requirements.*

*Despite the unusual circumstances which are designed to protect everyone present, we trust you will be encouraged and blessed through meeting in small groups, where this is appropriate and possible.*

**In order to help keep everyone safe, within the limitations of the current situation, I understand that we all need to commit to the following:**

1. If an individual, or anyone in their household, is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or is self-isolating, they should not attend the Life Group.
2. Those in a vulnerable category (including those over 70 yrs) understand that the Government encourages them to stay at home as much as possible, and that meeting with others in a Life Group is entirely at their discretion. We recommend asking family members for advice.
3. Under the government's guidelines, there will be no more than 6 people in a group at any one time. If 2 or more groups of 6 are meeting in church, the groups should be spaced at least 2m apart or meet in a different room. Life Group members can only interact with members of their group of 6, not with members of other groups who are on site at the same time. This includes the car park.
4. All attendees will follow social distancing guidelines on arrival and departure, and whilst at the church i.e. remaining 2m distant from everyone present other than those from their own household/household bubble. The host will ensure that plastic chairs are spaced appropriately.
5. There should be no physical contact (including handshakes, hugs etc) between persons from different households/bubbles, unless there is an emergency.
6. Everyone will use hand sanitiser on arrival and departure. This will be provided. Adults are required to wear face masks at church (unless there is a good reason not to). The leader of the Life Group is not required to wear a mask, but may choose to.
7. The Life Group leader will be keeping a note of who attends each Life Group, to assist with the Government's 'Test and Trace' system. Records will be destroyed 21 days after the Life Group have met.
8. If needed, attendees will provide their own water and any other refreshments in their own containers, which they are asked to take home at the end of the group. Any other possessions brought to the premises, including rubbish (eg. nappies) should also be taken home once the group is finished.
9. If any attendee, or any member of their household, develops COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of attending a Life Group, they will inform the church straightaway ([info@binscombechurch.org](mailto:info@binscombechurch.org))