

## **'Church in the car park' Guidelines**

### **Binscombe Church, March/April 2021**

*We are looking forward to 4 weeks of family services in the car park (before children's groups can start again). The points below seek to protect everyone present and comply with the Government COVID-19 requirements for church gatherings. We trust that you will be encouraged and blessed through attending a service.*

**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.
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 coming to church is entirely at their discretion. We recommend asking family members for advice.
3. All attendees will follow social distancing guidelines i.e. remaining 2m distant from everyone present other than those from their own household/household bubble, and they will follow signs and directions from the stewards/service leader at all times. Each household will be allocated a 'pod' (marked out on the ground); they must stay within this 'pod' for the duration of the service.
4. Households are advised to bring a picnic rug and camping chairs to sit on in their 'pod'. There will be some plastic chairs available for those who aren't able to bring their own.
5. Because these services are outside, there is no requirement to wear face masks. We understand that some may choose to.
6. All attendees will be asked to register when they arrive at a service. Binscombe Church will be keeping temporary records of those attending services, to assist with the Government's 'Test and Trace' system. Records will be destroyed 21 days after the service.
7. There will be live music at these services, but there will be no congregational singing. Instead, songs will have actions to them, to increase audience participation (for those who would like to!)
8. 21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March: Government guidelines sadly do not permit social interaction with other households whilst on the church premises, including the car park. Everyone attending a service should be prepared to leave immediately after the service, as instructed by the stewards.  
4<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> April: 2 households will be allowed to chat socially distanced. There will be a time to chat during the service.
9. There will be some parking available in the church car park - stewards will manage cars in the car park and will direct you. If there is no more space, you will be encouraged to park (considerately!) in neighbouring roads. Please leave enough time for this.
10. Children will be under the immediate supervision of their parents at all times. We will cordon off where cars will park from the area where the service will be held, but we will still be in a car park, so families are asked to be especially vigilant.
11. 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 service. Any other possessions brought to the premises, including rubbish (eg. nappies) should also be taken home once the service is finished. If a snack is provided during the service, this will be administered safely. You may wish to provide your own hand sanitiser.
12. Toilets will be available in the church building. Only one household may enter the building at a time, and are kindly asked to use the hand sanitiser as they enter the building, and to wipe down touch points after use.
13. If any attendee, or any member of their household, develops COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days of attending a service, they will inform the church straightaway ([info@binscombechurch.org](mailto:info@binscombechurch.org))