

## **Covid-19 Risk Assessment for CPC Sunday Services**

Location: The Methodist Church, Hall Street. Chelmsford, CM2 0HG

Date: July 2020

### **The Hazard**

The Covid-19 Corona virus can cause severe health risks to the general population and especially to the elderly and immunosuppressed groups. In addition, the virus has been found to be highly infectious and can be spread by non-symptomatic individuals.

### **The Risks**

Covid-19 is spread by droplets expelled from the mouth and nose of an infected individual. The virus is also viable for some time on hard surfaces and virus transmission from hand to mouth is possible.

### **Control Measures to stop the spread of infection in CPC services**

- If you feel ill with a temperature, cough or have reduced taste or smell or if you have been told to self-isolate you must not attend the service.
- Social distancing to be at 1 metre plus. Face coverings to be put on before entering the church. (Face masks will be available if needed). Children under 3 are exempt from wearing a face covering.
- Hand sanitizer to be used when entering the church.
- Singing and the playing of wind instruments is forbidden as they can promote the production of aerosols and droplets.
- When leading the service, the pastor will address the congregation without a face covering as he will be 5 metres away from the nearest members of the congregation.

- The church to be deep cleaned (see cleaning document) before every service. Congregants to bring their own seat cushion if needed as permanent cushions have been removed.
- Members and visitors to inform CPC if they wish to attend a service. Seating will then be planned and allocated to groups and individuals. The congregation must arrive in good time before the service starts and confirm attendance plus provide contact information if needed to the stewards.
- A one-way system will be in place and stewards will show the congregation to their seats.
- No refreshments will be available. Bottles of water will be available if required.
- Ventilation through the church will be maximised by opening doors and windows.
- After using the toilets hands to be washed with soap for 20 seconds and hands dried with the paper towels.
- At the end of the service the congregation will leave church by the side door. Hand sanitizer will be provided as you leave.

### Summary

By using these control measures in CPC services the risk of infection spread from the Covid19 virus will be kept to a minimum.