

COVID-SAFE GUIDELINES FOR CITY TEMPLE

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The Elders of City Temple have adopted the following policy for in-person worship at City Temple. We have divided it into the personal responsibilities for each person attending and what CT is doing to provide a safe environment. Please understand that no public environment is without some risk of Covid-19 infection. Although most public restrictions have been removed, we continue to encourage people to remain safe.

How You Can Manage the Risk of Covid-19 at CT:

1. Please do not enter the building if you have any symptoms of any illness (such as cold or flu) or if you have been in physical contact with someone who was ill during the previous 5 days.
2. As long as they are available, we encourage you to take one of the free lateral flow Covid tests before travelling to the CT building. These may be ordered online or collected from your local pharmacy.
3. Please use all precautions and follow all government guidelines when travelling to and from the CT building for worship.
4. You are welcome to wear a mask or face covering while in the building, especially if you are engaging in personal conversations.
5. Please bring your own hand sanitiser, face covering and bottled water.
6. Please wash your hands for at least 20 seconds – or use hand sanitiser – immediately upon entering the building.
7. Please follow appropriate physical distancing while in the building and respect the desires of those around you regarding physical distancing.
8. Please follow all posted signs.
9. Please do not congregate in the foyer but use the sanctuary as well for fellowship and conversations.
10. Please use only the toilets at level -1 when in the building for the worship service. Toilets at other levels will be available during other meetings and events.
11. Please take the Covid vaccines when they are offered to you.

Please note that each person is responsible for following these guidelines and all UK laws regarding Covid-19. Observing these guidelines is an act of love and honour for those around you.

How CT Is Managing the Risk of Covid-19:

1. CT will set a limit of 75 people for worship services. People with special concerns should contact the Minister or Hospitality Director for suggestions of the safest places to sit.
2. As weather allows, CT will prop open doors likely to be used to minimise contact with door handles and similar surfaces.
3. CT will discourage people from congregating in the lobby and keep the café lounge and prayer room closed during services.
4. CT will ask people to bring their own hand sanitiser to the services and sanitise their hands immediately upon entering the building.

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5. CT will ask people who do not have hand sanitiser to wash their hands immediately upon entering the building.
6. CT will provide hand sanitiser at various points in the building, but not so much so as to discourage people from bringing their own.
7. CT will welcome people to bring face masks to worship and wear them if they choose to sing softly during worship and if they choose to engage in extended face-to-face conversations. (The Elders note that facemasks alone do not offer suitable protection from infection or spreading the virus.)
8. CT will limit the numbers of people in the toilets based on their space, with appropriate signage.
9. CT will require the staff to clean and disinfect high touch surfaces often and all touch surfaces likely to have been used between services.
10. CT will limit the number of people in the lift to one household or two people not from the same household at a time.
11. CT will ask that no person who has any symptoms of illness or no person who has been in contact with someone who was ill during the previous 5 days to enter the building.
12. CT will continue to offer services via Zoom or other suitable format for those unable or unwilling to attend services in person.
13. CT will place suitable signage throughout the open areas of the building and require compliance with these signs.
14. CT will no longer provide Bibles, notice sheets, and other shared materials. CT will not take a physical offering.
15. CT will quarantine the sanctuary (and other rooms used) for 48 hours before & after each Sunday service.
16. CT will not reopen to other churches and groups until such time as the risk of Covid-19 infection has been decreased through UK society to acceptable levels.
17. CT will require each person to be individually responsible for following the UK government guidelines in a safe and respectful manner. CT may, in its sole discretion, restrict access for any persons routinely or flagrantly violating good practice.