



DOWNHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, here are a few guidelines that we are asking everyone to follow. These guidelines are based upon the government's *COVID-19 Guidance for the Safe Use of Places of Worship During the Pandemic*. These guidelines are subject to change. To stay up to date, please check out www.downhambaptist.org or sign up to receive email updates from the church here <http://eepurl.com/gIKRvV>.

Schedule

- **Sunday:** Until further notice, we will have **two duplicate Sunday morning worships services** in order to accommodate everyone and still maintain social distancing. We will continue our 11.30 am worship service, as well as **a new early worship service at 9.45 am**. Also, we will continue our combined Bible study for all ages at 10.45 am in the main hall.
- **Wednesday:** Our midweek Bible study will normally take place in the building at 7pm. Check our [church calendar](#) to confirm the exact schedule.
- **Online:** For those who are feeling unwell, vulnerable, or have been advised to shield, we will be broadcasting our Sunday morning message on www.youtube.com/c/DownhambaptistOrgLondon. The video of the service will be available after the services to watch later.

Guidelines

1. **Please do not attend if you have a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or change in your normal sense of smell or taste.**
2. **Face coverings** are to be worn at all times inside the building unless you have an exemption or are under the age of 11. We will have some spare masks for any that need it, but please try to bring your own masks. Those who are speaking or singing at the front will not be required to wear a facemask.
3. **Chairs** will be put in groups (for households) 2m apart from other household groups. Please strive to maintain at least 1m of space between you and others at all times.
4. **Young children** should be supervised by their parent or guardian at all times. If your children are not able to maintain social distancing, then we would kindly ask you to refrain from attending services at this time.

5. Depending on the weather, we may have the windows open for **ventilation**, so please bring a coat if it's a chilly day.
6. Please bring your own **Bibles**, as we will not be sharing the church Bibles for hygiene reasons.
7. The **duration of services** will be limited to 45 minutes.
8. **Hand sanitiser** will be available at various points in the church. Please wash your hands or use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the building.
9. Unfortunately, **congregational singing** is not allowed, though we hope to have some special music as people volunteer.
10. **Offerings** will be collected on the day by stewards wearing face coverings. When giving your offering, please drop into the bag and refrain from handling the bag or its handles. (You can also give online at www.downhambaptist.org/give or via bank transfer. Contact us if you'd like our church bank details.)
11. **Any visitors** will be asked to give their name and telephone number (in case of a COVID outbreak). These details will be deleted after 21 days.
12. **After the service**, if you desire to talk with others after the service, please maintain social distancing and, where possible, do so outside.