

## **Revelation Church Sundays: COVID-19 Update**

On Monday 19th July 2021 we reached step 4 of the national roadmap and we've now got more freedoms for our Sunday gatherings. Personally we (the elders) are excited and raring to go, and at the same time we recognise some of us will be more cautious, especially with high Covid-19 case numbers. We want everyone to feel confident to attend, so to help bring reassurance where it's needed, here are more details for how things will work. As always this is all subject to change if the guidance from the government changes.

Some of the changes we're reintroducing to our Sunday services from the summer onwards:

- You will not need to book to attend or register on arrival; just turn up.
- We are allowed to sing together!
- You will be free to pray for people and to be prayed for as appropriate.
- We will be restarting our Rev Kids groups.
- We'll be serving tea and coffee before the service from 10.20am – 10.40am so do come early and use the opportunity to catch up with Revvers before the service starts at 10.45am sharp. Drinks aren't allowed in the main theatre, so you'll need to have them finished before 10.45am!

### **Introducing the "Rule of Love"**

Even though the government have removed legal requirements on things such as face masks and distancing, they have made a number of recommendations to follow – for example, that masks are worn in indoor crowded environments. With this in mind we want to introduce the "rule of love" to respect and care for one another. Therefore, we ask you to please respect one another's boundaries and allow people that extra little bit of space. You can sit together and do not need to be distanced if you don't want to be.

We encourage you to wear a mask on arrival, on leaving and when moving around the venue, such as going to the toilet or walking in the corridors. We will not be policing this, so our encouragement is that we each seek to be responsible and to care for others where we can, remembering that face masks are mainly worn to protect other people and not ourselves. Once you are seated you will be free to remove your face mask or to continue wearing it as you see fit.

As a way of loving one another, we would encourage everyone to be making the most of the free lateral flow tests that can be ordered online from Gov.uk ([link here](#)) and taken at home throughout the week. We recognise many of you are already doing this for your workplaces and in line with government recommendations to do these tests twice a week.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay at home, take a free test and do not come until you receive a negative test result. The Sunday sermon will continue to be available via podcast on Spotify and iTunes if you miss it.

### **What other COVID-19 safety measures are being put in place?**

There are several things we're doing to help keep people safe:

1. We will have hand sanitiser stations around the venue and we encourage you to use them
2. We will open doors and windows to improve ventilation in the different spaces
3. The meetings are shorter than they used to be, reducing your exposure time to others
4. We are using individual pre-packaged communion cups with sealed wafers
5. Servers handling / distributing food and drink items and communion ware will wash and sanitise hands beforehand
6. We encourage you to use the private outside playground area to socialise before and after the service over tea and coffee
7. The school has an air system that circulates air from outside into the main theatre and other spaces to improve ventilation