



September 2020

Hello families,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer, been able to enjoy the sunshine and to take a break, even if it was in your own home.

As everything becomes busier this September, with our children back at school and some activities re-starting, so our Church services in the building are resuming too. They will look very different in order to be Covid Compliant, and due to social distancing there will be a limited amount of places and a booking in system.

The second Sunday of the month when we usually have our Parade Service will be a Family Service instead, still led by myself. It will be a shorter service and children would need to sit with their families – it would be great to see some of you. You would need to book in if you wanted to come along – please book in early if you do want to come. (How to book in is in the info after my letter, if you scroll down.)

I am attaching all the info to explain exactly how Church will look in this new phase of services.

Messy Church is still unable to meet in person, due to the style of Messy Church. I hope you enjoyed your Summer Holiday packs and this month I will be sending out a Messy Church at Home session, if you want to use it. If anyone would like to be added to our Messy Church contacts list, please send me an email to [familynetwork@outlook.com](mailto:familynetwork@outlook.com)

I am missing seeing you all, whether popping into our Uniform Groups, at Parade or Messy Church. I am thinking and praying for you and for your families, and hope you have peace in these unsettling times.

Take care and God bless,

Tracey x

Family Worker, Standish Methodist Church.

# Returning to worship

	<p>If you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms, i.e. cough, sore throat, high temperature, loss of taste or just don't feel well please do not to come to any of the church services. Please help keep others safe.</p>
	<p>If you are well, and intend coming to worship, we ask that you <b>use our booking system</b> by either <b>ringing John Grayson (01257) 422598 or email him by 12 noon on the Saturday prior to the Sunday Service</b>, so that we can plan for people attending as our numbers are limited. You will be asked for a contact telephone number for Track and Trace.</p>
	<p>You are asked to bring your own face covering/mask as these are now mandatory.</p>
	<p>We will be worshipping in the church as usual and with 2m social distancing but you will enter via the side entrance door not up the steps via the main doors. You will need to socially distance from any people in front of you (2metres) as you approach the entrance door.</p> <p>There will always be a warm welcome at Standish, but we ask that you refrain from shaking hands, hugging, kissing etc. on the way into church, inside and on the way out.</p>

 <p>Use hand sanitiser</p>	<p>There is a sanitisation station at the entrance in order for you to sanitise your hands before going into church. Please use it.</p>
	<p>You will be asked to confirm you name and your contact telephone number. This is for the National Track and Trace scheme, should we be asked who attended church on a particular day. These records will be kept secure and shredded after 21 days.</p>
 <p>ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION</p> <p>When inside please follow the instructions</p> <p>Thank you for practising social distancing</p>	<p>There will be a one-way system in operation and you will be directed by someone where to sit. Unfortunately, you will not be able to choose where you sit.</p>
	<p>There will be no leaflets, weekly notices or hymn books given out.</p> <p>There will be no live music or hymn singing for now.</p>
	<p>The collection will not be taken up during the service. For those not on standing order or direct debit, the collection will be a retiring one via a plate where you go out.</p> <p>If you would like to set up a standing order or direct debit please contact James Porter outside church.</p>
	<p>At the end of the service you will be asked to leave church via the front door and steps – please observe social distancing. There will also be a hand sanitiser on the table in the porch if you want to sanitise your hands again.</p> <p>If you have mobility problems please remain in your seat until people have left and the Steward invites d'd to exit via the ramp and side door.</p>



As you leave after the service onto the car park, please observe the 2m social distancing rule and don't congregate on the car park to make leaving as safe as possible.



For the foreseeable future there will be no flowers in church as we cannot currently send the flowers to anyone after the service.



Unfortunately, there will be no tea or coffee after the service for the time being.



The toilets will be open, but will operate on a one in and one out basis. You will need to leave church by the front door, walk round to the side door and follow the one-way system. Once finished, remember to wash and dry your hands, sanitise any touch points before you leave, follow the one-way system out of the corridor to the back door, out through the fire door and walk to come back into church via the side entrance – remember to use the hand sanitiser spray.



You will be reminded of most of this by the steward before the service starts.

**THIS IS  
NOT  
NORMAL**

We understand that these changes will seem strange and that you may miss some of what we have regarded as a normal part of Sunday worship and fellowship after the service, but these changes are to try and keep us all safe!

**STAY SAFE**

**BE KIND**