

# East London Christian Fellowship Centre

## Restart of Lord's Table and Sunday Service at Whites Farm

God willing, we are planning to restart physical Sunday meetings from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It will be a great joy to meet with those of you who are able to join us. We will continue to host the meetings on Zoom for those who cannot attend physically.

The full risk assessments can be read [here](#).

There are a number of things we need to explain regarding the process, so please read the information below.

### **What you need to know**

We will follow all of the [government guidelines](#) that have been set out at present as we believe this is the best way to keep us safe as a church family, and because it will be a good witness to the local community.

If you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss of smell or taste

Then please do not attend the services and follow the government guidance on self-isolation. This also applies if you are self-isolating due to a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the household, or because they have been requested to so by NHS Test & Trace. It may also be necessary if you are returning from foreign travel.

We recognise that certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19. We recommend you follow the government guidance, which may mean staying at home for the moment, although you are welcome to attend at your own risk. For those who have had their vaccine, you may decide that the risk is mitigated enough to come in person but there is no pressure to do so. You may also consider taking a rapid lateral flow test the evening before attending a physical church meeting, but this is not mandatory.

We are working hard to ensure that the hall is cleaned and well ventilated for our services.

### **Before you come to Whites Farm**

1. Please use the booking form to let us know that you are planning to attend and only come when you have received confirmation.
2. Please bring your Bible and your own drink. Hymns will be on the projector.
3. Please bring extra clothing as we will need to open all windows for ventilation.
4. Please use the toilet at home so that we can minimise the use at the hall.
5. Please bring a face mask to wear during the service.

6. Hand sanitiser will be provided but you may wish to bring your own supply.

### **Arriving at Whites Farm**

1. Please do not arrive late to the service as it will take time to seat people with social distancing measures in place. Please arrive between 9:30am to 9:45am.
2. Please wear a face mask before entering the church building and at all times inside the building, unless you have a legitimate medical reason for not doing so.
3. Please wait outside the door until the steward has completed the check in process.
4. The steward will ask you to confirm that you & your family have no virus symptoms and take your temperature. You will be asked to leave if you are showing any COVID-19 symptoms.
5. The steward will confirm with you that you have successfully booked a place for the meeting. You may be asked to leave if you have not booked a place due to restricted church hall capacity.
6. Please feel free to use the NHS app to check in but this is not mandatory as you have pre-booked.
7. The steward will then lead you to your seat. Please do not change your seat.
8. Please maintain at least 1m plus mitigation social distancing rule at all times inside the building when you are away from your seat.
9. No handshakes and minimise physical contact, including hugging outside your family bubble.
10. Please do not shout/project your voice across the room at other people.

### **During the meeting**

1. We are not allowed to sing at present.
2. All seats are separated with a distance of 1.2m (centre to centre). There will be no seating bubbles initially.
3. Please do not change your seat or move your seat.
4. Children must remain with their families at all times. If your children are too young to be able to follow the social distancing guidelines, we ask that you stay at home for now and join via Zoom.
5. The steward will distribute the bread and the cup during the Lord's Table meeting.
6. Please follow the arrangements for hymn singing and individual prayers in the hybrid model.
7. Please keep your face mask on when praying during the Lord's Table. Please keep prayers short.
8. Please follow the new toilet arrangement.
9. All windows will be opened to increase ventilation.
10. Please do not share food or drinks. The water foundation is not in use.
11. There will be no access to the farmhouse and kitchen.

### **After the service**

1. Please follow the stewards prompting to exit the building using the one-way system.
2. If you can take any rubbish with you to dispose of at home then that would be ideal, otherwise a bin is provided near the exit.
3. Please vacate the church premises promptly after the Sunday service (this includes the car park). Please minimise mingling.
4. No refreshment or food will be provided after the meetings.

Thank you for adhering to the guidance. It is always a great blessing to be able to meet together as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord.