

Arrangements at Hove Methodist Church due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

for week up to Sunday 22nd March

In the days ahead we need to be very vigilant in our care of one another. We, ourselves, may not be at risk but we may well be in contact with others who are vulnerable or who may have contracted the virus. As such we are having to consider all the activities that we are involved in on our premises. And every decision taken will be reviewed on a daily basis.

Current advice continues to be that those who are over 70 and those with underlying health conditions should consider self-isolation at this time. Anyone who develops a high temperatures or new coughs should immediately self isolate.

The **new advice** from the Methodist Connexion is that **Public worship services and Church meetings should now be stopped** but they are aware too of the impact of social isolation and have said that it may be possible with the correct precautions to have our premises open for private devotions.

Until further notice we are going to be open for private devotions at various times.

People who choose to come will be expected to follow a code of conduct to minimise the possibility of any transmission if anyone has already contracted the virus.

People will therefore be asked upon entry to the building to either use the Sanitizer available or to go to the toilets in the Ellington Room and use soap and water for 20 seconds before going into the Sanctuary.

All doors will be open so that people do not have to touch door handles and any surfaces that might be touched will be cleaned regularly.

People will be expected to keep a distance of 2 metres away from others.

We will be making tea and coffee available but this will be done by a designated volunteer. No-one else will be allowed in the kitchen.

We will put a notice on the church door with times that we are open.

At the time of writing we are planning to be open for private devotion at the following times:

Thursday 19th March 9.30am – 12noon.

Friday 20th March 9.30am – 12noon.

Sunday 22nd March 10am – 12noon. With a 'thought for the day' at 10.30am and 11am.

We will be sending out regular updates.

If you are self isolating and have a particular need please do get in touch with myself or the office which is still operating as usual.

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On behalf of the Leadership Team