



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) POLICY

The Government has published a coronavirus action plan. The threat posed by COVID-19 has been assessed by the Chief Medical Officer as it is now being described as a pandemic. **The risk level has been raised to high.**

With this in mind, Emmanuel Church Oxford is committed to regularly reviewing this policy and communicating any updates to church members as needed. All guidance will continue to reflect appropriate Public Health England advice.

Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs when water is not available.

The government has issued strict instruction. You may only leave the house:

- To shop for essentials (food, medicine)
- For one form of exercise a day (walk, run, cycle)
- Medical appointments, or to assist a vulnerable person
- Travel to work, but only if this cannot be done from home

Advice has also been issued to travellers who have returned to the UK from a number of countries.

Anyone who has returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develops symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu;
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

Long-standing government advice has been that ‘In a pandemic, it makes good sense to take precautions to limit the spread of disease by not sharing common vessels for food and drink.’

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#advice-for-travellers>

OFFICE STAFF

Office staff are to work from home for the foreseeable future.

SUNDAYS

Our Sunday meetings have been postponed until further notice. All services will now take place online.