

## **Oakham Methodist Church**

### **Response to the current rise in Covid cases - 23 October 2021**

The Stamford Circuit of the Methodist Church in responding to the recent rise in Covid 19 cases, is saying that we can all play our part in reducing the infection rate in our worship and church activities.

The Circuit Superintendent has therefore issued the following guidance to all churches.

The basis of the guidance is that there are a few simple things that can be done to reduce the rate of infection and are now strongly encouraging people to follow the practices set out below when attending gatherings on church premises:

- 1. On arrival, people are encouraged to gel their hands.**
- 2. Everyone should be gently but firmly encouraged to resume wear face coverings.** We need to be aware though that some people have legitimate reasons for not doing so. Face coverings are to be made available to give to those who may have forgotten to bring one.
- 3. Face coverings should be worn during the whole period of time spent in the church.**
- 4. As far as is practicable, windows and doors should be left open to ensure that there is as good a flow of fresh air in the building as can be achieved.**
- 5. Maintaining, or re-establishing social distancing in order to avoid crowding is strongly encouraged.**

These guidance notes apply to Church services and meetings and to gatherings of outside users of church premises.

∅ Gel your hands when entering or leaving public spaces

∅ Wash your hands regularly

∅ WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN MEETING OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME (unless exempt)

∅ LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT IN LARGE GATHERINGS

