

Bearfield Church

Addendum to Services Risk Assessment – for outdoor events, March 2021

Entry / exit – use both the gates for entry to the lawn, welcomer to direct groups to a marked area (theirs for the duration of the event). For exit, welcomer to direct bubble groups to leave from their area and to leave via their preferred exit. Attendees to be encouraged to move away from the away according to ‘meeting in social spaces’ guidance, ie. walk & talk rather than meet & mingle.

During the event – bubble groups to be asked to remain in their marked area, toilet facilities to be used for emergencies, if required users should go directly to the toilet via the green, side gate and return from there (a marshal could be stationed at the block wall to ensure one at a time use).

Maximums – there are 15 socially distanced and demarcated spaces for bubbles. There are also stations for people to lean on the front wall (10). It would be possible to have up to 80 people in attendance, 4 in each bubble and 2 in each station. Realistically, this is too many attendees to marshal through the gates for entry and exit. Therefore a more manageable maximum would be 50, using 10 bubble spaces and 5 stations.

Participants – they may move from the hall (assembly area) to the lawn, it is aimed to use the concrete plinth as a platform.

Music – either live music will be broadcast from the church to outside or pre-recorded music will be. If cables and speakers are used outside, they should be covered against being a trip hazard for participants or from getting damp and becoming an electrical hazard. Singing should be directed across the face of the church rather than out towards the congregation.

Lighting – a daytime event is proposed and no additional lighting will be provided.

Appreciation – clapping rather than cheering would be the preferred means of showing appreciation.

Risks – lack of social distancing, mixing of bubbles, personal contact

Mitigation – marked areas for attendees, distancing for participants, welcomer / marshal directs attendees by bubble to marked areas, hand sanitiser could be available at the entry gates but no personal interaction is envisaged. Children are asked to stay with their adult attendees.

Hazard level – low

Wet weather preparations – the event would be cancelled, it is not thought to move inside as an alternative

Use of event shelters – if it is decided to use event shelters on the front lawn to allow more younger children access to groups, then this will limit the space available for groups of 6 to meet after services (from 17 May).

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For the Trustees of Bearfield Church, 03/03/21