Bright City Church Coronavirus Policy

Following the latest updated guidance from the government 16th March we have updated our coronavirus policy as follows:

We continue to follow the governments guidance regarding Coronavirus which can be found on their Public Health England website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england . We encourage you to familiarise yourself with this and follow the advice on how best to protect yourself and others.

The government has stepped up its measures to control the spread of the virus and prevent a spiking of cases that would put severe pressure on health services.

The government are now advising to stop all non-essential public gatherings (including faith groups), to avoid non-essential travel and to work from home where possible. They have also advised that those over 70 and people with pre-existing medical conditions who are vulnerable to infection should self-isolate.

In view of this guidance **Bright City Church are suspending ALL church meetings including Sunday services, prayer meetings and life groups from today 17/03/20 until further notice.** As soon as the government says that it is safe to resume meeting together we will inform our members and hirers and begin to gather again.

We will also be suspending the hiring of the building by outside groups to reduce the risk of infection.

What should you do?

Please follow the advice given by Public Health England (follow link above)

If you experience any potential Coronavirus symptoms such as a **new and persistent dry cough**, **flulike symptoms** or a **fever**, or any member of your household is experiencing those symptoms then please don't come to Bright City Church. You should follow the Public Health England advice which is

- Self-isolate for 14 days
- If the symptoms worsen or persist beyond this period then contact the NHS 111 helpline to seek advice
- Avoid contact with others

If you have attended Bright City Church and discover that you have been in contact with Coronavirus, please inform us immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation in following this policy. Although you should be reassured that for the vast majority of people Coronavirus will not cause serious ill health, if we can help protect our most vulnerable community members by carefully following this guidance then it is very important to do so.

If you have any concerns please contact the church office on 01233 334007

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