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Psalm 138

Hope for Oppressed Exiles

- The King's Commitment to Praise God's Name (v1-3)
- The King's Concern for God's Glory (v4-5)
- The King's Confidence in God's Salvation (v6-8)



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Update on Coronavirus Law & Guidance in England

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What we know

- Places of worship will open on 2nd December
- Tier 1 – 'Rule of 6' will apply indoors and outdoors
- Tier 2 – 'Household Group' inside church – 'Rule of 6' outdoors
- Tier 3 – 'Household Group' inside and outdoors (except public parks etc)
- A 'unique Christmas bubble of up to 3 households can meeting indoors between 23-27 December

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What we know (cont.)

- Weddings with 15 attendees (Reception for 15 allowed in Tier 1 & 2)
- Funeral with 30 attendees
- Children's activities/Sunday School if COVID-Secure
- Face coverings mandatory
- Likely to last to end April

[gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family)

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What we don't know

- Outdoor gatherings
- Congregational singing
- Revised Guidance for Places of Worship

[gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing/covid-19-suggested-principles-of-safer-singing)

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Implications for Churches

- Small Groups & Prayer Meeting – in church, home, outside
- Delivery of leaflets, cards, advent bags
- In-person carol services
- Outdoor carol services
- Will unbelievers come to church? – restrictions and family gatherings

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Implications for Churches

- Online/hybrid events/outreach/services
- How do we care for lonely/single in church at Christmas? (e.g. no family, international students)
- Two ideas from churches
 - Print QR codes inside Christmas Card
 - 'Christmas Boxes' for community

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