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James 4v13-17

- Accept your uncertainty and impotence
- Plan with humility and faith in God's sovereignty

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Summary of Current Coronavirus Guidance (England)

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General

- Law v Guidance (Advice)
- Enforcement by Police
- Enforcement under Health and Safety legislation
- Insurance implications
- Risk assessment, hygiene, test and trace

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Social Distancing

- Socialise indoors with members of 2 households
- Socialise outdoors in group of up to 6 people from 2+ households
- Unlawful to gather to socialise with more than 6 people indoors or outdoors
- Exemptions include: education, workplace, weddings & funerals, households larger than 6
- Fines of £100 increasing to £3200

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Places of Worship – Services

- No limit on numbers attending services if social distancing can be maintained
- Max 30 weddings, funerals and 'life cycle ceremonies'
- Attend as group max 2 households indoors (max 6 people or single household/bubble if >6)
- Social distancing between 'households' of 2m or 1m + mitigations
- Over 70s advised to stay at home as much as possible
- Individuals extremely clinically vulnerable/shielding advised not to attend

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Places of Worship – Services

- Face coverings required by law for worshippers
- Limit conversation outside group attending
- Baptism by full immersion permitted
- No congregational singing
- 'Small groups' permitted to sing inside
- Outdoor worship permitted on church premises
- Question whether can still organise gathering 30+ on outdoor public space?

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Places of Worship – Bible Study & Prayer Meetings

- Interaction as part of a formal event acceptable
- Includes discussion in a Bible Study or sharing prayers at a Prayer Meeting
- Socially distanced & wearing face coverings
- No so many people present that voices need to be raised for all to hear
- Question whether limited to 6 people under new law?

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Youth and Children's Ministry

- Govt Guidance for 'Out of School Settings', 'Early Years and Child Care Providers' & 'Community Use Buildings'
- Crèche and toddler groups can meet – with social distancing between household groups if parents/caters present & no sharing toys
- Children under 5 – no limit group size
- Children over 5 – maximum group 15 (including leaders) – keep 'small consistent groups'
- Face coverings not required
- Singing permitted in children's & youth groups but voices not to be raised
- No live performances of drama, comedy or music
- No overnight/residential activities

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