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# Guidance Update (England)

Leadership  
in Lockdown





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- Updated Places of Worship Guidance (14 May)
- Places of Worship are required to observe COVID Secure rule including social distancing
- Distinguishing **Mingling & Mixing** from **Social Distancing**
- Social Distancing Guidance – between people from different households 2m (or 1m+) – when meeting family & friends exercise personal responsibility





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## Meeting Indoors

- Maximum group of 6/2 households
- Social distancing between individuals from different households
- No mixing/mingling outside of the group

## Church Meetings Indoors

- Seating in groups at services
- Bible Studies & Prayer meetings
- Support Groups up to 30 people





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## Meeting Outdoors

- Maximum group of 30 on public or private space
- Maintain social distance between individuals from different households

## Church Meetings Outdoors

- Multiple groups of Maximum 30 can meet in church car park, garden, courtyard
- Maximum capacity determined by social distancing
- Observe social distancing both within and between groups
- No mingling/mixing between the groups
- If not church car park, garden, courtyard only one group of max 30 permitted

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## Weddings & Funerals in Church

- Weddings maximum 30 people
- Funerals no limit
- No prohibition on mixing/mingling
- Social distancing should be observed

## Venue issues for churches

- Capacity of Building
- Seating
- Social distancing within groups
- Mixing and mingling between groups
- Risk assessment





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- Don't presume that there is no need for distancing between members of groups or that members of groups would always choose not to maintain distance
- Extremely vulnerable people can attend church but advised to take extra precautions
- These rules may only last until 21 June
- Congregational Singing
  - Indoors – 6 amateur singers or professional singers
  - Outdoors – congregation in groups of up to 30
  - Maintain social distancing
- Parent and children gatherings indoors for up to 30 people (children under 5 and staff excluded)