
[Test] Coronavirus update

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This e-mail is primarily for those churches where EFCC acts as the all-purpose trustee. However, we circulate it to all our churches for information and as a way of sharing best practice.

QR Codes ... and a few words on masks!



Thursday 24 September, the much trumpeted NHS COVID-19 App arrived about 4 months behind schedule. At its heart is the facility for App users to register their presence in a specific venue by scanning the venue's QR code. If an outbreak is traced to that venue, the App then alerts those users who have indicated that they were in that location. The QR code is designed to support the NHS Test and Trace process and so help slow the spread of the virus. That's the theory - time will tell ...

Whereas places of worship are not required to offer this facility, on Sunday some of your worshippers may want to use your church's QR code. Are you ready for that? There is, at present, no legal requirement for you to display a QR code although, for many sectors it became mandatory with the launch of the App. If the App proves successful, it may become mandatory for all venues to make a QR code available. If, and when, you choose to make a QR code available, you should inform those attending that the facility exists to prevent any confusion and bottlenecks as they arrive.

This does not remove your responsibility for recording attendance as you presently do - it simply allows those who wish to use the COVID App at your church to do so. In England, those who register using a QR code do not have to provide track and trace information, though in Wales all attendees are required to do so in line with guidelines.

Churches in England and Wales, who want to create a QR code and print posters to display around the building, need about five minutes and a little information.

Everything you need to know is [here](#).

If you want to see how QR Codes are presently being communicated in England, and check that churches are not being singled out, just use the QR code at the head of this article to access an interesting Press Release.

And a word of warning on face coverings some will have observed that initial guidance released employees and volunteers from the need to wear face covering. Some churches used that guidance to exempt their steward(s) and accompanist. Guidance has now been amended and stewards and accompanists should now wear masks.

For the full updated Guidance

John Stevens keeps FIEC churches updated on his blog. If you don't know the site, **it is a resource** very well worth visiting.



Have you signed the letter from Church Ministers and Christian Leaders to the UK Prime and First Ministers? If not, **here's your opportunity** to do so.

We are here to help - if you are in any doubt about any aspect of re-opening, including risk assessment, contact **Matt Rees**, **Tom Brand** or **Steve Horton** who will do their very best to help.

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