

Uplands Group of Churches

Risk Assessment: Outdoors @11 (Family Worship Outdoors)

Date written: 1/10/20

Location: St Ethelreda’s Church, Guilsborough, the churchyard (rear right quarter)

Name of leader with responsibility: Rev Allison Twigg

Risk or Hazard	Potential impact (before actions taken, and based on worst case scenario) Low = 1 Moderate = 2 High = 3	Likelihood of significant impact (before actions taken): Low = 1 Moderate = 2 High = 3	Overall severity of risk (before actions taken) (Impact x Likelihood): 1-2 = Low 3-5 = Moderate 6+ = High	Proposed approach (i.e. accept/reduce/remove risk):	Proposed actions needed	Target Risk level	Owner of action, and date action completed
<p>Spreading of infection (specifically Covid19) – Leaders/attendees bringing in of virus if already infected.</p>	<p>High: illness/death</p>	<p>Moderate (while COVID remains in circulation in the population)</p>	<p>3 x 2 = 6 High</p>	<p>Reduce risk</p>	<p>Hand sanitiser to provided at the gate, and the gate manned so as to ensure it is used by all attendees.</p> <p>Welcomer at gate to remind all attendees not to attend if they have COVID symptoms.</p> <p>Test and Trace contact details to be taken at gate using Uplands Group Church Form, a list of names will be kept in Safe for 21 days from each session. Guilsborough Church also has Test and Trace QR Code which can be scanned with app.</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20</p>

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<p>Spreading of infection (specifically Covid19) – Mingling of household groups in breach of rule of 6.</p>	High: illness/death	Moderate (while COVID remains in circulation in the population, and family groups wish to socialise with those they have not seen for some time)	3 x 2 = 6 High	Reduce risk	<p>Welcomer to remind all attendees of need to stay in groups of households or 6 max if a combined household group, and not to 'mingle' above this.</p> <p>Mats and "tents" to be pre-erected, and to ensure social distancing is simple to follow.</p>	Low	<p>Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20</p>
<p>Spreading of infection (specifically Covid19) – Spread of virus during the worship service.</p>	High: illness/death	Low (as physical contact will not be likely during this)	3 x 1 = 3 Moderate	Reduce risk	<p>Mats and "tents" to be pre-erected to ensure social distancing is simple to follow.</p> <p>All helpers erecting tents to ensure hands are sanitised in advance.</p> <p>Singing to not take place, apart from by a worship leader singing and leading actions for worship songs,</p>	Low	<p>See above</p> <p>Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20</p> <p>Allison Twigg 3/10/20</p>

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Spreading of infection (specifically Covid19) – Spread of virus during family activities.	High: illness/death	Moderate (as children more likely to forget social	3 x 2 = 6 High	Reduce risk	Worship Leader to clearly remind worshippers that even if required to move around the churchyard area during any family activity/task, social	Low	Allison Twigg 3/10/20

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		distancing requirements between household groups)			distancing is to be retained at 2m between groups at all times.		
Spreading of infection (specifically Covid19) – Spread of virus through sharing of food or drink.	High: illness/death	Low (as it not planned that any communal food or drink is offered at this point)	3 x 1 = 3 Moderate	Remove risk (at present)	Attendees have been warned in advance to bring any snacks and drinks they require for their own use at this stage. Should the situation change, and the potential for offering hot drinks to worshippers be more possible, this risk will be reviewed, and mitigations reassessed.	Low	Alice Cooper 30/9/20 – Done
Abuse of vulnerable children or adults (failure of safeguarding duty)	High: Long-lasting emotional/physical damage	Low (as a whole family event, children or vulnerable adults would be with a family group, not alone with others unsupervised)	3 x 1 = 3 Moderate	Reduce risk	Welcomer to make it clear to attendees that there is a need to stay in the churchyard unless there is a need to use the toilet facilities, in which case all children must be accompanied by a member of their group.	Moderate (as cannot reduce impact, but likelihood should be maintained at a very low level through planned actions).	Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20
Dangerous litter on-site (e.g. Broken glass, dog waste)	Moderate: Minor to moderate injury or infection.	Low (as area is not a thoroughfare or dog walking area), and is	2 x 1 = 2 Low	Reduce risk	Leaders check the garden before setting up for worship, and safely remove any litter.	Low	Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20 and prior to very session

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Trip Hazards	Moderate: Minor to moderate injury.	Moderate (some uneven ground, but no steps or gravestones in the actual area for the worship activity)	2 x 2 = 4 Moderate	Accept risk	Preliminary check of the site (see photos below) identified no significant trip hazards. However, leaders will check the garden before setting up for worship and ensure siting of family zones does not present any significant risks on this front.	Moderate	Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20 and prior to very session
Insect stings/bites	Low: Minor injury in most cases.	Low (given time of year for first occurrences of the worship being autumn/winter)	1 x 1 = 1 Low	Accept risk	No action.	Low	N/A
Unstable gravestones	Small children: High: Significant injury/death possible.	Low (as area for worship itself does not include any standing gravestones, and families	3 x 1 = 3 Moderate 2 x 1 = 2	Reduce risk	To confirm with PCC that annual gravestone check took place and be aware of any causes for concern. (update – Confirmed this has taken place recently as scheduled, and actions taken to repair/stabilise any graves requiring it was taken promptly).		Alice Cooper 3/10/20

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	Adults: Moderate: Minor to Moderate injury possible.	will be required to stay in this area for the bulk of the worship session). Low	Low				
Injury/illness from extreme weather/exposure (cold/high winds)	Low: Minor injury or discomfort in most cases.	Low (as clearly advertised as outdoor worship “whatever the weather”, and only of 45 minutes duration.	1 x 1 = 1 Low	Reduce risk	Provide rain cover and a picnic rug for each group.	Low	Debbie Sampson/Alice Cooper 3/10/20 and prior to very session

Proposed site:

Entrance to churchyard:

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Route from entrance to main worship area:



Main worship area (views in each direction):

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