

Booking guidelines for new service at OLBC (Oxlow Lane Baptist Church). To book a place please email [minister@oxlowlanebaptist.org.uk](mailto:minister@oxlowlanebaptist.org.uk) or telephone 07811 524715. Please state which date you are booking in to. Please book in as early as you can. If you would like to come to a service, please note the following:

1. Do not come if you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19, including high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell etc.
2. You need to book in advance, please do not just turn up and once we are at capacity, no one else will be able to come.
3. When you book you will be asked to provide us with your name, address and phone number as these details have to be kept for 21 days. You will also be asked how many seats you require. If you have booked and find you can no longer come, please do cancel so others can take your place.
4. The doors will not be open until 15 minutes before the service in order to reduce the length of time we are in contact with one another. This means that if you arrive early you can remain in your car rather than needing to stand and queue.
5. Everyone will need to observe social distancing. There can be no handshaking, hugging, kissing or physical contact at all.
6. Stewards will direct you to a seat (you cannot necessarily sit in your favourite seat, please sit where you have been asked). There is also a one-way system in place in the church building. Please keep to it without exception.
7. The wearing of masks in the building is now required by law unless you're exempt for medical reasons and there will be no singing, open prayer or shouted out comments or responses.
8. At the conclusion, there will be no drinks and you will be encouraged to leave the building relatively quickly.
9. Children/young people are under the responsibility of their parents/guardian and should remain with them at all times.
10. There are a number of hand sanitisers around the building including at the entrance and by the toilet. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the building.
11. Please use the toilet as little as possible.
12. There will be fixed boxes for those who wish to bring their offerings and they can be placed in the box before or after the service.

We recognise that this may feel a bit daunting, but we are required to follow this guidance. The reality is that it will feel very familiar to you as this is what many of us have been doing in recent weeks. Yes we are people of faith and believe in the protection of God, but in the words of Jesus when tempted by Satan to jump, responded "we should not put the Lord thy God to the test." Along with faith, God also gave us common sense.