

East Leake Methodist Church

Dear Friends and Members

This letter is just keep you all informed of the situation at this moment. As senior steward the stewards have asked me to write to all members regarding future services.

It is possible that the government may make our area a Tier 3 area. If this happens, our church will stay open. The Government have said that church services may continue whatever the alert level.

Also, at present, the circuit is having difficulty finding preachers to cover all the possible services. For the next quarter, December January and February, East Leake has been planned for only 6 services throughout the quarter i.e. 13 weeks. There are no formal plans for any other services.

The church leadership is of a mind to plan some further LOCAL Arrangements (LA) during this period enabling us to have more choice and give every member more opportunities to worship in church if they feel able to. But please bear in mind this may not be an every week occurrence.

However there have been suggestions that having more services will necessitate members to support these services and therefore put themselves at higher risk of covid 19 infections.

Although we have worked hard to make the church covid 19 secure we never intended people to come to church if they felt unsafe or apprehensive. Nor were we expecting members to attend every service and in reality this has not been the practice as numbers are limited.

Obviously your health and safety and welfare is of prime importance to us and we would not want to put any pressure on you to attending services particularly if we move into Tier Three of government restrictions.

Please feel free to pass any comments on this letter to any of the stewards.

Best Wishes Bryan

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