



# NTCG Faith Tabernacle & NTCG Brooks Bar

## CHURCH OPENS FOR WORSHIP

Thank you for your patience and continued support over these past months during the lockdown. We are pleased to announce that worship service will recommence at the New Testament Church of God Faith Tabernacle from **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021: 11.30am – 1.pm.**

### What you can expect when you come:

We will continue with the existing social distancing procedures that we have set in place so that you will continue to feel safe during your time with us. They will remain until the Government indicates otherwise.

These are the procedures you will find when you arrive at our building.

1. Regular worship service commencing at 11.30am each Sunday and finishing by 1.pm. This is a temporary start time until the restrictions are lifted.
2. The congregation from the New Testament Church of God Brooks Bar have joined with the congregation at Faith Tabernacle and are now worshipping together until their new church building is completed. Some church notices will be specifically to them or to Faith Tabernacle, or both.

You can watch the service online from our YouTube channels:

NTCG Brooks Bar: <https://www.ntcgbrooksbar.org.uk/watch-online>

NTCG Faith Tabernacle: <https://www.ntcgft.org.uk/watch-online>

3. We have set a limit on the total number of people in our building at any one time, and you will need to book in advance to ensure you get a seat. **Details below.**
4. We strongly encourage all worshippers to socially distance themselves from anyone outside of their household or social bubble. Limited exemptions would be interactions with the designated Ushers and Health and Safety Personnel when you arrive at church, who are there to help you feel safe during your time with us.

5. A ONE-WAY system is in operation to enable you to enter and exit the building, using different doors. The Ushers will guide you accordingly.
6. On arrival, you will be asked to complete the NHS Test and Trace Consent Form. The information you provided will be kept securely for 21 days, then destroyed. The information provided will enable the NHS to:
  - Get in touch with anyone who has had a positive test result to help them share information about any close recent contacts they have had; and;
  - Alert those contacts, where necessary, and notifying them that they need to self-isolate to help stop the spread of the virus
7. We will also take your temperature, using an infrared forehead contactless Thermometer and record the reading.
8. Hand Sanitiser units are stationed at strategic locations throughout the building, and we ask that you use them - especially on entering and leaving the building.
9. You are required to wear a face mask inside the building. One will be provided to you, if needed. **However**, you do not need to wear a face covering if you have a legitimate reason not to. For example, children under the age of 11; not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability; or if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress (see Govt guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>)
10. You are asked to observe the social distancing of 2 metres when moving inside the building. Spaces are clearly marked.
11. Seating is arranged on a 1 metre plus rule, and allocated to accommodate single, and family groups of 2, 3 or more people. It is important that you let us know when you book, how many people are in your household or support bubble that will be attending church with you.
12. Everyone will be asked to leave the building as soon as service is over. Please do not congregate or stop to hold conversations with anyone while still in the building.
13. Provision is made for Giving, and you will be directed by the Ushers on how to give your tithes and offerings.
14. We will continue to livestream our services, especially for those who are unable or don't feel confident enough to attend physically.
15. If you are concerned about featuring in the livestream, we have reserved an area inside the church where you can be seated and not be included in the livestream. Please speak to one of the Ushers on arrival.

16. On Communion Sunday you will be provided with your own personal communion set on entry. Please keep it until instructed further.
17. There will be no usual handouts, including Guest Packs, until further notice.
18. Please bring your own Bibles with you, as those in the church will be stored away. Scriptures and songs will continue to be projected on the screens situated at vantage points in the Sanctuary.
19. No food or drinks will be served during this period of restrictions. Please bring your own water, as the water dispenser will be closed off.
20. Signage is strategically posted to remind individuals to maintain social distancing.
21. Sunday school (for both adults and children), and Bible study will continue to be delivered online – via zoom, until further notice. Please contact the church office if you want to join these sessions.
22. We are requesting that those at higher risk from coronavirus – i.e. those in the high risk (clinically extremely vulnerable) group, and those in the moderate risk (clinically vulnerable) category (see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>), not to attend services until it is safe to do so. Please continue to watch our livestream services online.
23. Finally, if you don't feel confident returning to church, we want to let you know that we understand that. You can still access the live stream and online services until you feel safe to do so.
24. Service may feel significantly different from what you would expect from a Pentecostal church, but times are different now and we want you to feel safe and enjoy your time with us. So please follow the instructions given to you by our Ushers and Health and Safety Team, and help.

## **Stay Safe - Protect Yourself and Others.**

**For further details, or to book your attendance, please contact the church office:**

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