

In Preparation for an outdoor In-Person Service for La Côte Church

IN PREPARATION:

- A. Please register online if you are going to join us by emailing Liz Bramley to let her know.
- B. Only come if you feel safe enough to join us particularly if you are in a high-risk category, (heart or lung disease, those with suppressed immune systems etc).
- C. Stay away if you have any Covid symptoms – high temperature, dry cough, sore throat, headache. Please leave if you develop symptoms during the service and let the welcomer know why you are leaving.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

- A. a face mask
- B. your own tissues and a small bottle of sanitizer
- C. your own chair or blanket to sit on. We will be aiming at 30-40 minutes long
- D. We suggest a sunhat, water bottle and insect repellent

AT THE SERVICE – WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A. You will then be checked off on arrival
- B. Visitors will need to leave contact details
- C. There will be hand sanitizer available
- D. You will be given an order of service, which we will ask you to take home and recycle. (The person giving it to you will have sanitized their hands before handling them).
- E. For the moment there will be no congregational singing.
- F. Seating plan – individuals or family groups will be placed 2 metres apart (we will have a way of marking these out on the grass).
- G. Greetings / sharing the peace will not involve physical contact
- H. There will be a retiring collection so no offering basket handed round.
- I. There will be no communion this week.

Obviously – looking at this list of measures – we are not expecting our worship to be “back to the usual” – but are now looking towards new ways of worshipping. So if you are joining

us, please pray for an open mind and heart to encounter God in worship however strange it may feel. There will be a mix of old and new – some familiar liturgy and patterns of prayer and readings and some things that will make it feel different – no music, no sharing of the peace, nor sitting next to one another.

Yet – in all this we entrust ourselves afresh to God, thankful that she has accompanied us through these last months and confident of God's presence ever with us as we continue this adventure together. We remain thankful for our community, called out to follow the Way of Christ with one another in all the changing scenes of life.

The forecast for Sunday is looking good – sunny / cloudy on my app! If it is pouring with rain – we will send out a message to those who have registered to cancel.
