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Dear Brothers and Sisters

Re: Safety measures in place for the Chief Apostle service

On Sunday the 31st of October our Chief Apostle Schneider will hold a divine service at 11 a.m. in the East Midlands Convention Centre, Nottingham.

The preparations for this event are well underway and I can imagine you are also making your own plans and perhaps due to the extraordinary times we are living through, you are still deciding if you will attend.

I therefore take the opportunity to share with you the safety measures being put in place as well as our expectations of those who will be attending. I hope that this will help and encourage us to grasp this special opportunity of worship and fellowship.

1. Access to the convention centre will be open from 10 am onwards and entry will be managed by ushers to avoid congestion in the foyer area and around the toilet facilities. We therefore kindly ask for your patience and understanding as it may take a little longer than normal to be seated.
2. Hand sanitisers will be available for use at the entrance.
3. There will be a separate room with the usual space available for those with small children.
4. The seat rows will be spaced more widely apart than usual, and a “reserved seat” card given to those who would prefer not to have someone seated directly next to them.
5. The windows and doors on the side of the auditorium will be opened periodically to ensure good ventilation through the hall. Please therefore bear this in mind and maybe bring a jacket or cardigan.
6. There will be no congregational singing including the threefold Amen. The Lord’s Prayer can however be prayed softly while wearing a mask.
7. Music will be performed by individuals or small groups at the front of the hall and at a distance to the congregation.
8. Guidance for Holy Communion will be given on the day but please always observe social distancing.

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9. At the end of the divine service the congregation will be asked to remain seated until their row is asked to leave, and members should then leave the building promptly.
10. There will not be any offering boxes for cash offerings available at the hall and I please ask that we continue to offer online.

NB We are all looking forward to seeing each other again but please only have conversations when outside the building.

In addition to the above each one of us has individual responsibility for the well-being and safety of those around us.

1. As per our current COVID guidelines attendees will be required to always wear a mask when inside the building.
2. Taking a lateral flow test has become normal routine for those working in NHS, care, emergency, and teaching professions as well as for students. In line with this good practice, I kindly request all attendees take regular lateral flow tests leading up to this divine service.
3. If anyone is feeling physically unwell, regardless of their symptoms, they should not under any circumstances attend.

I am sure that if we all adhere to the above then we can look forward to a wonderful and safe divine encounter with our heavenly Father. Please do continue to pray for this very special event, even if you are unable to attend in person.

For those not travelling to the chief apostle service there will be two online and telephone divine services held by local priestly ministers. Connection details will be provided via the congregational WhatsApp and email groups.

With love and greetings

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