



Event: Covid Secure Outdoor Prayer Walks
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Approval for this risk assessment was received via email (info@thebeaconchurch.com) on 31/7/20 at 21:12 by Sally Cox and 2/8/20 at 17:33 by Ruth Concar. Both Sally and Ruth are elected Deacons and have been designated to authorise this risk assessment on behalf of the Trustees.

This Risk Assessment is based on the current guidance from the Government regarding churches and Covid and advice from the Baptist Union. This Risk Assessment relates specifically for the outdoor prayer walks during August 2020. This Risk Assessment should be used in conjunction with the Beacon Church Policies for Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Data Protection.

Hazard / Risk	Who is at Risk?	How can the hazards cause harm?	Normal Control Measures	Risk Rating VH/H/M/L	Additional Control Measures Required Y/N
Minimisation of legal and liability issues	Trustees	Non compliance with legal and liability issues could lead to legal action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustees (Deacons & Elders) are made aware of their responsibility as 'Venue Managers' as outlined by the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB). Thereby taking responsibility for the buildings and their usage, as well as all church activities, being Covid Secure and compliant with appropriate Government regulations and BUGB recommendations Trustees to sign off this risk assessment This risk assessment will be made available to the public on our website Employee and public liability checked and confirmed as in date 	L	

<p>Reducing risk of Covid infection: Maintaining social distancing</p>	<p>Event attendees and subsequently those they come into contact with</p>	<p>Covid-19 is an infectious disease that can cause illness and for some result in death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial invite to event includes clear guidelines as to social distancing, groups of no more than 6, information specific to that event regarding equipment, food etc • 2m social distancing enforced at all times by group leader • 2m social distancing reminders made at point of sign up, confirmation of sign up and as the activity or event starts • Groups of no more than 6 people, if the event has more than one group of 6 then these groups are significantly distanced and do not interact. For example, on a walk there are different start points • All events are sign up only, unless it is known in advance that numbers will be below 6 people • Reminder of Covid secure measures received on sign up • All events will occur outdoors and not enter any buildings 	<p>M</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>Reducing risk of Covid infection: Minimising surface contact and transmission of the virus</p>	<p>Event attendees and subsequently those they come into contact with</p>	<p>Covid-19 is an infectious disease that can cause illness and for some result in death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared equipment should be avoided wherever possible • Review of possible necessary shared equipment to be made by the leader in advance of activity. For example in the case of a walk this may include stys and gates • Attendees informed of necessary shared equipment in advance and advised to bring gloves and hand sanitizer as appropriate • Leader to bring additional hand sanitizer • Face coverings will be optional for attendees • Food and utensils should not be shared between those of different households • Attendees should be advised to bring their own food, drink and utensils 	<p>M</p>	<p>N</p>

<p>Reducing Covid infection: Following Government guidelines on Test & Trace'</p>	<p>Event attendees and subsequently those they come into contact with</p>	<p>Covid-19 is an infectious disease that can cause illness and for some result in death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event registration will be required before attendance at any event. This will take place online via the website (thebeaconchurch.com/events) and using the My ChurchSuite app. • The leader will also take a note of all in attendance and inform the church office • Those not registered that do attend will be asked to provide contact details if the church does not already hold them. Hosts will be provided with a list of those expected to attend in advance. • All records to be held digitally and event registration and confidentially complied with according to our existing data protection policy. 	<p>M</p>	
<p>Reducing Covid infection: Management of children under 18</p>	<p>Event attendees and subsequently those they come into contact with</p>	<p>Covid-19 is an infectious disease that can cause illness and for some result in death. Those under 18yrs old may find it harder to socially distance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have not been actively encouraged to attend the prayer walks and there are no resources directed specifically at the under 18s. • Should an under 18 be in attendance they would need to be with an accompanying parent who remains their supervisor at all times and is responsible for their social distancing and general behaviour. 	<p>M</p>	
<p>Reducing Covid infection: Management of clinically vulnerable</p>	<p>Event attendees and subsequently those they come into contact with</p>	<p>Covid-19 is an infectious disease that can cause illness and for some result in death. Those who are clinically vulnerable (over 70's, pregnant, those shielding) are at great risk of becoming unwell if they are infected by Coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision to attend is for each individual to make and if they do attend they will be welcomed with every other attendee. 	<p>M</p>	

<p>Someone falls during the walk</p>	<p>Event attendees and subsequently those they come into contact with</p>	<p>Covid-19 is an infectious disease that can cause illness and for some result in death. The illness could also be entirely non-Covid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If the person is unwell with non-Covid symptoms (cough, temperature) then they will be given first aid if necessary or in emergency situations an ambulance will be called by the host. ● If the person is unwell with Covid symptoms the host will adhere to the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) ● The EAP will be available to view on the website and all hosts will be made aware of its location at http://www.thebeaconchurch.com/emergency/. ● The EAP in regards to someone becoming unwell with Covid symptoms is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The person will be asked to leave as soon as possible, return home and seek guidance from HNS111 as to self isolation and testing ○ Anyone known to have been in close contact with the case will be advised to wash their hands as soon as possible ○ Any surfaces likely to be contaminated will be cleaned in line with cleaning guidance ○ The host should consider bringing the event to an early finish if appropriate, and attendees should be reassured as to the person's wellbeing and that the Church is complying with Test and Trace and that they will be notified if a case of Covid is confirmed ○ Inform the Church office who will consult the Health & Safety Executive website (here) as to whether or not the event should be reported 	<p>H</p>	
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Any individual faces risk due to inappropriate behaviour from another individual	Prayer walk attendees	An individual could face threatening or inappropriate behaviour from another, or have safeguarding concerns disclosed to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An outline of basic safeguarding practices to be included in the EAP and host pre event information ● If any individual, specifically the host feels threatened or in danger at any time they should immediately call 999 	L	

Additional Control Measures <i>(to take account of local/individual circumstances including changes such as working practices, equipment, staffing levels).</i>	Action by Whom <i>(list the name of the person/people who have been designated to conduct actions)</i>	Action by When <i>(set timescales for the completion of the actions – remember to prioritise them)</i>	Action Completed <i>(record the actual date of completion for each action listed)</i>	Residual Risk Rating
DATE OF REVIEW: <i>Record actual date of review</i>	COMMENTS: <i>Record any comments reviewer wishes to make. Including recommendations for future reviews.</i>			
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RESIDUAL RISK RATING	ACTION REQUIRED
VERY HIGH (VH) Strong likelihood of fatality / serious injury occurring	The activity must not take place at all. You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating.
HIGH (H) Possibility of fatality/serious injury occurring	You must identify further controls to reduce the risk rating. Seek further advice, e.g. from your H&S Team
MEDIUM (M) Possibility of significant injury or over 3 day absence occurring	If it is not possible to lower risk further, you will need to consider the risk against the benefit. Monitor risk assessments at this rating more regularly and closely.
LOW (L) Possibility of minor injury only	No further action required.