



HOLY TRINITY
HURDSFIELD

BIG CHURCH, little church

Meeting face-to-face for Sunday worship

Now that we're allowed to hold services in our church building again for limited numbers, we're thinking of ourselves as **BIG CHURCH, little church...**

One BIG CHURCH



- Even though we can't all gather in the same physical place, we remain one **BIG CHURCH**, with over 100 of us meeting each week for our online service, HTH Sunday Live. We're still the HTH family.

Three little churches



- We also have a service in our church building at 4:00 pm each Sunday (unless government restrictions prohibit it).
- It includes communion, bible reading, prayers and recorded music, and lasts about 40 minutes.
- Our Covid-secure risk assessment has confirmed that we can safely accommodate up to 45 people. So we've created three **little churches** and we invite everyone to one service a month.
- On the fourth Sunday of each month our **little church** service has a theme especially for younger children (up to Year 6) and their families.
- On any fifth Sundays, anyone is welcome to attend.

Which **little church** service we invite you to depends on whether you, or anyone in your household, is in a small group or not.

	Small Group	Not in a small group	Invited for
little church 1	Evergreens, The Burts, One World, Just Friday	Surname A – G	1 st Sunday of month
little church 2	Rockbadgers, Hawkyard Hillside, TROGS, Koinonia	Surname H – Q	2 nd Sunday of month
little church 3	Honking Geese, The Hurd, New Beginnings, Day Time Group	Surname R – Z	3 rd Sunday of month
little church for families	Families with children up to Year 6 (sitting in household groups)		4 th Sunday of month

If you can't access HTH Sunday Live, you can come to **little church** every week. Visitors can also come any week.

You'll find the answers to some of the questions you may have on the next page. I look forward to seeing you at one of our **little church** services. Thank you for working with us as we ensure all that we do is safe and to the glory of God.

James GIBSON
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Answers to questions about our 4:00 pm little church service

What will happen when I arrive?

We need everyone to follow these instructions:

- As you arrive at the front door you must be wearing a face covering (which you will have to keep on for the whole service).
- Keep a safe distance from other household groups.
- Sanitize your hands as you come in (bring your own or use ours).
- Use your phone to scan the NHS Track and Trace QR code displayed. If you can't do this, please fill in the track and trace card you'll find on each seat.
- Go straight to the worship space and sit down. There will be single seats, pairs and a few triples for household groups of different sizes (if you are a group of four or more, a welcomer will help you move some chairs).

What is the service like?

We share:

- spoken worship, bible reading, prayers, recorded music (sorry, we're not allowed to sing), and
- communion, which the service leader will bring to you.

What happens at the end of the service?

Please:

- drop the track and trace card, service sheets, pens (used or unused) and communion cups in the buckets provided, and
- leave the building without stopping to chat to others. Once outside, please do stop and have a chat with each other.

What about our children and young people?

- Children and young people are very welcome on the first three Sundays of the month, although there will be no specific activities for them. Once a month we have **little church for families** with children up to Year 6.
- Children need to stay with their household group – no running around (applies to adults as well).

What are you doing to ensure that the church building is a safe place?

Everything we're organising has been 'Covid-secure' risk assessed and we're following Church of England guidance on holding services. We need to you follow the instructions so we can worship together safely, give glory to God and share the good news of the gospel with others.

To keep the building safe we are also:

- cleaning the church building after every time it's used (chairs, toilets, door handles and surfaces), and
- marking out of bounds areas with tape.

Can I drive to the service?

Yes. Please park in the main carparks. Only drive to the front door if you are disabled (there are two disabled parking spaces there) or dropping someone off (after which, please go and park in the main carparks).

Will the toilets be open?

Yes. But please only use them if you have to as we cannot clean them between each use during the service.

Will the sound and hearing loop systems be used?

Yes.

How long will the little church service continue?

It depends on take-up, but probably until we can restart our weekly 10:30 am **BIG CHURCH** face-to-face service (assuming the government introduces no further restrictions).

Why not have live music?

We want to take small steps and keep things simple. There's a wealth of recorded music available to us and we can use YouTube videos (copyright issues prevent us doing this on HTH Sunday Live because we record those services). We feel that it's not the best use of our resources to ask our musicians to play each week when we can't join in.

How do you control numbers?

Dividing into three **little churches** gives us enough space each Sunday for those who want to come. If too many people arrive, we hope that regular HTH family members will give up their seats to visitors or anyone who can't access our online service HTH Sunday Live.

If too many people arrive the service leader will sort it out. We haven't introduced a booking system as this is potentially complicated for those not online who we are trying to prioritise.

What happens if there is a fifth Sunday in the month?

On any fifth Sunday of the month, our **little church** service is open to anyone who wants to come.