**FAITH & HOPE MINISTRIES. PLAISTOW COVID STATEMENT – January 2022**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful and prosperous 2022 in the name of Jesus.

As we re-open the church building on 9th January 2021 we are mindful of our obligations and responsibility to ensure a safe environment for all those that attend church services during the Pandemic period. **Service times have now changed to Sundays at 1pm – 3pm**

In December 2021, the Prime Minster confirmed the U.K. government moved to their COVID Winter Plan (Plan B), imposing further temporary restrictions in England. With the emergence of the new Omicron variant and rising infection rates, the government has put in place the following measures to manage the risks associated with the Omicron variant and to minimise the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In summary:

• Face coverings will be required by law in most indoor settings

• Office workers who can work from home should do so

• Certain venues and events will be required by law to check all visitors aged 18 years or over are fully vaccinated, have proof of a negative test in the last 48 hours, or have an exemption.

With this in mind, it remains appropriate for our church to continue to take measures to both prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, in an attempt to protect our members and visitors to our churches we would like to recommend that the following appropriate action is taken to comply with the requirements outlined.

• We have re-introduced one-way systems within our church setting

* We encourage those in attendance to wear face masks / face coverings

• We continue to encourage good hand hygiene and ensuring sanitising stations are available for personal use

• We will ensure that the church building is adequately ventilated during services, meetings, and any large gatherings

• We will continue to encourage social distancing

• We will keep service times to 2hrs max. **ZOOM ID: 186 450 494 / PASSWORD: 270 364**

**In addition to the above, we request that those attending or visiting the church building for services or meetings undertake a Lateral Flow Test 24 hours prior to coming to the church building and only attend if there is a negative result**. **Please do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms.**

**1 John 16:33**

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”