

Our Planned Return to Public Worship

The decision was taken some weeks ago to recommence worship on Sunday 6 September at 11am, but given that government advice/regulations changes each week, it was decided to hold back on issuing any specific arrangements until much nearer the time.

Obviously, COVID-19 has changed the way in which we are able to meet for worship. But prior to Sunday, we felt you should be aware of what arrangements have been put in place to help keep you safe.

• **Please do not attend Worship if you have:**

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

For the first month we are planning on holding simultaneous services in the Church and McIlwrath Hall at 11am. As such, you must follow the stewards' directions as to where you will be sitting. Morning & evening services will continue to be available online and by DVD/CD.

+ On arrival

- Please ensure that you observe social distancing at all times.
- When you arrive for worship you will be welcomed at the front door into the Welcome Area or McIlwrath Hall and required to make use of the hand sanitizer available at either door, the door from the car-park will not be in use.
- A face covering must be worn. Please bring your own.
- We will be keeping a register of attendees as a precaution in the event that someone present at worship is later diagnosed with COVID-19. The list will be held for 31 days.
- Once you enter the Church you will be directed to a pew/seat. They will be filled in a specific order and it is essential that everyone follows the directions given. You cannot choose which seat to sit in.
- Seating has been arranged to ensure at least 2m distance is maintained between family groups.
- Doors will remain open throughout the Service to ensure good ventilation.
- The Service will be a short Service for the first few weeks until we have the opportunity to re-assess the arrangements. Children are very welcome to attend, however they must remain seated with their family. There will be no Little Lights or Sunday School during the service. (Sunday School online will be available on Sunday afternoons at 3pm.)
- There will be no offering lifted. A plate will be available as you leave.
- Following the service, please leave the church/ hall as directed ensuring you remain 2m distance away from other people.
- Toilets will be available, but we would encourage you to only use it if absolutely necessary.

We appreciate that some of our members may not yet feel ready to attend. Please do not feel pressurised to attend until you are comfortable to do so. We look forward seeing you back at Church when you are ready.

Sincerely,

Rev Norman McAuley (Minister)

David Francis (Clerk of Session)