

We restart Sunday services on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. In order to enable social distancing it is necessary to limit numbers, as not all seats can be occupied. Government guidelines limit attendance to a maximum of 50 people at each service. Initially we will have one service, starting at 10.00 a.m. When you arrive, you will need to use hand sanitiser and leave contact details with one of the stewards (for one member of each household) in order to comply with the NHS Scotland Test and Protect system. You will be shown to your seat by a steward, filling up the church from the front. A number of seats will be left between each family group (or individual) and the next. You will be asked to wear a face covering while inside the building (unless you have a medical reason for not doing so), and to avoid physical contact with others (no hand shaking or hugging please!). We are not currently permitted to sing during services, although hymns will be played for us to meditate on, and if you wish to hum along (or even quietly sing the words behind your mask) that is allowed!

If you can, please avoid using the toilets while in the building (i.e. go before you come!), but if necessary toilets will be available on a "one in, one out" basis. At the end of the service people will be asked to leave one row at a time, starting from the back of the church, and people will be asked not to linger in the building, although of course you are welcome to chat outside.

Note that we are not yet planning to re-start evening or mid-week services.

Communion will be held once a month, and will be served to people from the table at the front – the elements will not be passed along the rows to avoid handling the plates and cup holders. Offering bags will not be used, but an offering box will be made available before and after the services.

We recognise that some people are not yet able to attend Sunday services in person, due to health considerations, and services will be live streamed online via a private link, so that those in that position can feel less isolated. Details of that are available from the Church Secretary (email [mailwhbc@gmail.com](mailto:mailwhbc@gmail.com) ).

Wednesday meetings will continue on Zoom for the time being, each 1 hour from 7.00 pm and will include a time of contribution from those who wish to, a time of prayer and a Bible study led by Pastor Daniel. In due course we will look to having Wednesday prayer meetings in the church again, but the date for that has not yet been decided.

It hardly needs saying, but of course if you have any symptoms of coronavirus, or are living with anyone who has symptoms, or if you have been instructed to self-isolate under the NHS Test and Protect scheme, you should not attend any church services, and should self-isolate and follow government guidelines.

In order to limit each service to a maximum of 50 people it is helpful for people to let us know in advance if they plan to attend. Please let us know and we will assume you will come each week, unless you advise otherwise, until normal services can be resumed (or let us know if you cannot come for any reason). You may contact us by email as follows:

Email: [mailwhbc@gmail.com](mailto:mailwhbc@gmail.com)

In order to facilitate Test and Protect please let me know:

- a) The number of people who will be attending (including yourself and other members of your household);
- b) The contact email and telephone number

I hope all that is clear, but if there are any questions please get in touch by email.

We look forward to meeting together with you once more, and worshipping our wonderful Lord together as a fellowship.