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Dear Friends,

It's been such an unsettling time over these months and am aware that many will be keen to get back to church while others are still feeling uncomfortable about returning. Although things are not back to normal, we are pleased to announce that from **Sunday 27th of September** we will start to offer a short "Time for Reflection" every Sunday morning in our main sanctuary at 10.30am. This will be a time to rest in the presence of God, and to seek the Lord in quiet prayer. This service is not an alternative to our online ministry. We will continue to make available our Sunday Morning Devotions & Sunday Club Online from 7am, and our Evening Devotions from 7pm. Please continue to make use of these worship resources and share with family and friends.

Our church's Daily Reading Plan is also available from our website where you can follow the daily readings, psalms, hymns and prayers, along with thoughts to ponder from David Wilson. These morning devotions provide an opportunity where you can praise, ponder and pray in the quietness of your own home each day.

For those who have no access to the internet, you can listen to the latest Morning & Evening Devotions by phoning 01294 444336. You will be asked to "press 1" for the morning devotions and to "press 2" for the evening reflections. This is a local landline number which will be a free service to BT customers.

To attend our "Time For Reflection" in the church it is important that you pre-book during the week by contacting **Margaret Durham** on **07748 248187** or by emailing her on margaretdurham51@gmail.com.

Attached to this letter you will also find a set of guidelines which we hope will be helpful as you consider coming along to the church. We are aware not everyone will feel comfortable returning at this stage. It is our prayer that you will keep safe and know God's blessing upon your life and home as you continue to worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Your Friend & Minister

Rev Scott Cameron

RE-OPENING

Questions & Answers About Returning To Church

What Church Services Will Be Held?

1. Our intention is to potentially hold a short service on Sunday mornings at 10.30am lasting 30 minutes. If there is sufficient demand, we will add a 2nd service.
2. We will continue to make available our pre-recorded online services: Morning Devotions, Sunday Club & Evening Devotions.
3. The service at 10.30am will be especially suitable for those who cannot access our online church services.

Will It Be Safe To Attend?

1. The church building is limited to a maximum of 50 people at any one time, and to a total of 25 people in the Sanctuary (no access is allowed to the Church Gallery). This allows 2m distancing to be maintained. Seating has been reduced to reflect these numbers.
2. The building will be cleaned and disinfected before re-opening and this will continue before and after each church service. Where possible, doors will be kept open to avoid the need to contact handles.



What Happens At Church?

Entry to the Church will be through the St Monach's Aisle side entrance. If you need to wait to enter, please maintain 2m distance from other people, avoiding hand shaking & hugs.

The main toilet at the entrance area to the church will be available for use.

Upon arrival, a designated person on duty at the front entrance will take your name and contact details and will guide you to where the hand sanitiser will be dispensed. Your booking will be confirmed and will make you aware of the Test & Protect Privacy Notice.

You are required to wear a face covering for the duration of the service.

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Can I Attend Church?

1. As stated above, we are limited to 25 people in the Sanctuary (5 of which will be on duty).
2. To attend a service, you are asked to pre-book that week by contacting Margaret Durham on 07748 248187 or by emailing margaretdurham51@gmail.com.
3. You should not attend Church if:
 - you feel unwell or have Covid 19 Symptoms
 - you or your partner or someone in your family or permitted social circle is vulnerable, or is still shielding themselves.

What If I Feel Ill At Church?

1. Seek assistance from a Steward and inform them of your symptoms. We have designated the St Monach's Aisle as our "Covid-19 Emergency Room" if needed and, if possible, you'll be asked to move to this area whilst your condition is assessed.
2. If your symptoms indicate possible mild coronavirus infection you will be advised to return home, self-isolate and contact NHS Inform or, if more severe, NHS 111 can be contacted by phoning 111. If your symptoms indicate other forms of serious illness or injury the emergency services will be contacted by phoning 999.

What Happens At Church? (Continued...)

A further designated person will accompany you to your seat, be it for a single person or couple or family / household grouping.

A one way system will be in operation and you are directed to strictly follow the signs.

At present no singing is permitted and no bibles or hymn sheets will be available.

A stock of disposable face coverings will be available if you have forgotten to bring one.

A collection box will be available as you enter the sanctuary to take freewill offering envelopes and cash.

At the conclusion of the service you will be required to exit at the main front door overlooking the town. Please wait in your seat until asked to leave, this will allow us to manage social distancing. It is important that you do not congregate either inside or outside the Church but to leave directly, continuing to observe social distancing whilst allowing others to leave the building safely.

