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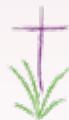
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**Church is
Re-Opening
on Sunday 27 Sept.
at 11.00am**

Please see
inside
for further
details.

St Mary's Parish Church Re-Opening September 27th, 2020

At our Kirk Session meeting on Wednesday 12th August, the Interim Moderator and Session members, having carefully considered ScotGov and Church of Scotland Guidelines, decided that we should re-open for worship on Sunday 27th September 2020 at 11 a.m. and each Sunday thereafter. Presbytery has subsequently granted us permission to proceed with the re-opening.

Services will last approximately 40 minutes and ScotGov guidelines remind us that numbers are limited to **50 people** in total. To avoid the disappointment of anyone arriving at church to find that our quota of 50 people has been met, we will adopt a **booking system** whereby anyone wishing to attend church on any given Sunday should contact the church office (**Tel: 0141 775 1166**) **before 13.00 on the Thursday of that week** giving their name, the number of people attending with them (partners or household groups only please) plus their contact details. Should the church quota be full for that week, your name, etc will be entered onto the list for the next consecutive Sunday. Should you not wish to attend on that Sunday, we would be most grateful if you could again contact the church office to let us know.

When you arrive at church, please remember at all times:

- To "socially distance" at a distance of 2 metres
- To use Sanitising Hand gel as you enter the sanctuary (this will be provided for you)
- To use your mask in the sanctuary (unless a medical condition prevents this)
- To give your name and contact details to the duty elder to enter on the attendance register

- To place any offerings that you might want to make in the plate at the entrance door
- To sit only in designated "locations" which are designed to accommodate, individuals, couples or family groups and to which you will be guided as you enter
- To remain seated as there will be NO Congregational singing, although you may bring your own bibles for your own use only
- To indicate to a duty elder should you require to use the toilet or if you are feeling unwell
- To enter and exit using the signed one-way system as requested
- Ensure that where children and young people are part of our worshipping community, they should sit in their family groups when in the sanctuary

Should you feel unsure, based on your own feelings and circumstances, of coming together with others for worship in person, you can still access our service as it can be viewed on YouTube as previously. It will not be a 'live' broadcast and will thus not be on YouTube until the beginning of the week following the service.

We are pleased to be re-opening our church and we look forward to welcoming you all back, and, although the layout of our sanctuary and the way that we worship will be different from before and perhaps not necessarily the way we would want it, for all of our sakes and so that we can move forward, we must abide by the rules and guidelines.

John C. Pears
Pp St Mary's Session
26 August 2020