



## **Welcome back to Church!**

Dear Member,

We are so pleased to advise you all that services will resume on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am.

We come to church to praise God for all the goodness He gives, and to worship Him in hymns, and Bible readings and prayer. We wish to do this as safely as we can.

As this is only Phase 3 of the easing of Government Restrictions, there are still some things we cannot do that would be a usual part of Sunday Worship and as the Government guidelines allow our congregation is limited to 50 in the sanctuary.

If you are not ready to attend yet then please don't feel under any pressure. We will put the same service (just pre-recorded) on the church website for 11.00 am every Sunday in July.

While most of us have been keeping safe at home or going about our daily lives as normally as possible, the elves of C&S have been busily preparing the sanctuary for resumption of worship.

As you arrive, you are asked to remember to **observe SOCIAL DISTANCING**.

**You are asked to bring a note with your names and contact numbers**, the stewards will show you where to put these.

**You will notice changes when you arrive** – coloured tape, posters, spots on the floor, hand sanitiser dispensers. Please take note.

**You will be greeted by stewards in face masks**; in fact, you are encouraged to bring and **wear a mask or face shield** yourself (some masks will be provided if you do not have one). The masks are for everyone's protection.

**You will be shown to your seat**. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, we are only allowed 50 persons in the sanctuary – that includes Lorraine and Seho – so you will not be able to sit in your usual seat. Households will be able to sit together. An Individual who lives alone will sit at one end of a pew, and another individual will sit at the other end.

This may be hard to do but we ask that you do not stand chatting in the aisle but **move along to your allocated seat – so arrive in time**.

**Leaflets will be provided**, and we ask that you **please take them home** with you for recycling.

**Singing** loudly and with gusto is not encouraged. Please hum along or sing softly behind your mask.

**Families will be shown to pews and will be asked to stay together** during the service. All the bean bags and mats have been removed. There will unfortunately be no Children's Ministry during this phase. Activity packs will be provided for the children.

**One toilet only is available** for emergency use – in the Howth Road porch. The kitchen and toilets in the Scots Hall cannot be used.

With this letter we have included the **'Stay Safe at Church'** guidelines from the PCI. These are common sense, and you are asked to read them thoroughly and familiarise yourself with these **S.A.F.E** details.

# Stay **SAFE** at church

## S

### Stick to the rules

- Follow advice and instruction issued by the kirk session at all times
- Follow arrangements for signing up in advance to attend activities or organisations
- Follow signage for entering, using and leaving the building



## A

### Assess the risks

- If you are displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact with anyone displaying such symptoms, do not attend any church activities or organisations
- Take primary responsibility for your own health and wellbeing by carefully considering the level of risk involved in coming to any gathering of people at church
- Do not feel under any pressure to be present if you are uncomfortable about any aspect of attending

## F

### Foster good routines

- Wash your hands before, after, and during if necessary, time spent in the church premises
- Arrive in good time and leave promptly to limit unnecessary contact with others
- Be aware of what is involved in applying social distancing from others at all times



## E

### Encourage individual responsibility

- Hold yourself and others lovingly accountable for taking advice and instruction seriously
- Resist the temptation to become careless about compliance as necessary practices become more familiar as week follows week
- Be understanding of limitations on normal activities remaining so that we might love our neighbour as we love ourselves

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