

HOLBURN WEST CHURCH

Planning for Return to Worship

We look forward to the time when we are able to welcome you back to our worship in the sanctuary.

It will be a welcome and positive experience to gather again. However, there are new safety measures in place to ensure that the health and well-being of everyone is protected.

We have created this advance communication for all possible attendees on what to expect and prepare for at the service.

There are new rules in place to protect everyone. Social distancing and special cleaning procedures are in place for the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone.

You will find that worship has a completely different format.

(1) Personal risk calculator

- A separate form is available for anyone who wishes to calculate their level of personal risk. This form is entitled "Covid19 coronavirus: assessing individual and group health risks".
- You can use this as a first step because this will help you to assess your personal situation.
- We encourage you to consult this and work out your score.

(2) Increased safety, cleaning and sanitation

- If you find a queue when you arrive, please remain at 2metres from others.
- You will find at the entrance a hygiene station with personal sanitising products, including facial coverings.
- There is limited availability of these safety products so please bring your own face covering and hand sanitiser for personal use.

(3) Keeping a record of those present

- We are required by law to keep a record of each person who attends worship.
- When you arrive, please be prepared to give your name, address - or at least a contact telephone number - to a member of the volunteer team.

(4) Sanctuary and room layout - physical distancing to keep safe

- It will be good to gather. However, your movement in the building has to be reduced and carefully managed.
 - There will be direction signs and markers in place to ensure physical distancing inside the building. The door duty team are there to help and guide you.. If you need anything, let them know.
 - You will be directed to a specific seat upon arrival. You are required to remain in that seat throughout the service.
 - Please do not move to another seat.
 - Please do not move around other than coming in and leaving. Please do not go into any other part of the building.
 - Doors will be propped open to avoid touch points and to increase ventilation.
- Please dress accordingly!

(5) Seating arrangements

- The building is only permitted to contain a limited number of people.
- If there are large numbers wishing to attend, it is possible that some might not be admitted.
- Seating in the sanctuary has been carefully and deliberately arranged. Please do not move chairs.
- The seating arrangements are fixed and limited in number.
- It might take time to seat everyone so there could be a queue in place. Please maintain 2metres distance at all times. Thank you for waiting and for being patient.

(6) Worship activity

- For the foreseeable future, services of worship will be shorter than usual.
- Those in attendance will have to wear **a face covering** at all times when in the building.
- Please note that there will be **no singing**. We will aim to provide some music to accompany the service.
- **There is no plate** to make an offering.
- **The disabled toilet** can be made available if needed.
- If you require water during the service please bring your own in a sealable container and take it away with you at the end of the service.

(7) Reducing touch points

- Hymn books and bibles can no longer be provided.
- We will try to make appropriate use of the projector screens.
- If you wish, you can bring your own bible for your personal use only. This cannot be shared with others and should be taken home at the end of the service.
- The general rule applies: there should be no hand shaking or physical contact with anyone who is not in your household.
- Unfortunately, drinks and food will not be offered before or after the service.

(8) Leaving

- After the service ends, the door duty team will guide you out of the building. Thank you for being patient.
- Please note that it will not be possible to spend time waiting inside the building.
- Worship time has been an opportunity to meet and chat but this cannot be done inside the building. Sadly, the building cannot be used for socialising or fellowship.

(9) Weekly worship online

- Weekly worship continues online. For more information, please check our website www.holburnwestchurch.co.uk This has links to online worship services.
- The website is regularly updated with various news and details and is worth regular visits.
- Weekly services are also available to view in our shared Youtube channel "West End Churches Aberdeen".

(10) Thank you for your cooperation

- Please cooperate with any request made by those on door duty.
- We will try to deal with anything unexpected that happens. If you need help at any time, just let someone from the door duty team know.