

# Re-opening of Killearn Kirk

From 25 October 2020

We are asking you to **pre-book and reserve a seat(s)**. This can be done by contacting a dedicated phone line (**07709 213342**). Calls can be made from a **Tuesday to the Thursday** for **the service on the following Sunday**.

- Please leave a message stating a name, contact number and how many seats/spaces you require.
  - For those with families, you are most welcome to bring your children, but please include them in the total of spaces you reserve.
- Also indicate if you require a larger area for a wheelchair or pushchair.
- You will receive a text message indicating **receipt of the message and allocating a seat/s for you** in the Church.
- We are restricted to a maximum of 50 attending a service (including office bearers, organist and minister, etc.)
  - With the restriction on total numbers, once the ceiling is reached anyone arriving will be refused entry.
  - To avoid disappointment please pre-book
- With booking we are able to maintain a 'Track and Trace' register for each service which will be retained securely for 21 days after the service and then securely destroyed.
- Toilet facilities are to be 'closed' from use.
- Access to the Kirk will be through the front door. If you find that difficult please let us know and we can arrange to open a side door

## When at church.

There is a video that can be watched to prepare you for the changes in the Kirk. <https://youtu.be/OJYbHJ9jSzg>

Some things to emphasise and remember;

- ✓ **Do use the sanitisers** provided at entry points on arrival and exit.
- ✓ **Do wear a face covering** when **inside the building**.
- ✓ **Offerings** will be received **at the point of entry/exit** in the plates set out for that, there will not be an offering taken in during the service.
- ✓ **Do confirm your attendance on the reserved list**.
- ✓ **Do sit in the marked seating area you have been allocated**.
- ✓ **Do maintain a social distance moving through the building**.
- 🚫 **Don't use the toilets**.
- 🚫 **Don't sing outwardly**.
- 🚫 **Don't stop to chat to people in the building, please leave that for outside and away from the main door**.

We are currently looking at whether it will be practical to 'live stream' our services as they happen, and if not, to simply record these and make them available online later. We hope this will continue to bridge the gap between those having to be more cautious and the Kirk services they would have normally attended. Whether you can join us or not we value your continued support and prayers through these challenging times of change.

Online services can be accessed by going to [www.Killearnkirk.org.uk/videos](http://www.Killearnkirk.org.uk/videos)

We intend to monitor demand on an ongoing basis and if there is a need to hold another service, we will do that. You need to be aware that if we do hold another service, cleaning of the used areas will need to be done between services and this may impact on the time when we can hold the service.

Bibles and weekly notices will not be available, therefore if you generally like reading from a Bible located in the pew then we would ask that you bring your own to the service.

Can you help? You will understand that a number of our Elders and office bearers would be regarded as potentially vulnerable to the impact of COVID-19 and we are inviting everyone to think about whether they can lend a hand during this period to assist in the safe resumption of services. We would welcome people, young or older, to help with any of the following; greet people at the door ; help with any pre/post service clean up; share a reading or prayer as part of a service; or just help out as needed. If you can help, please contact Carole Young [sessionclerk@killlearnkirk.org.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@killlearnkirk.org.uk) who will be happy to give you a job to do.

We hope you will understand that this is not an easy process and we are doing all we can to make it as smooth and as safe for everyone as we can and we look forward to seeing you back in the church at some point.