



Tarves Parish Church of Scotland

ABERDEENSHIRE

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Dear Friends

The good news is that we now have permission from Presbytery to re-open the Kirk and Youth Hall.

Because of the current restrictions, which seem likely to remain in place for some considerable time, Session have decided that Sunday worship will continue meantime live on Zoom/telephone. The link/telephone number for this is available from Susanna, our Session Clerk Tel 851345.

However because some people have been unable or preferred not to worship in this way we will be holding a very short act of worship in the Church on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm. The first of these will be held on Wednesday 7 October. I look forward to leading this act of worship and while singing is not permitted, we will be able to listen to some music, hear the Word of God, and share in a time of prayer.

The main purpose of this letter is to explain what to expect if you would like to attend that act of worship.

1. It is important to realise that the inside of the Church will not look as it did before lock-down – many seats have been removed and stacked to facilitate physical distancing and cleaning. A deep clean has been done of the building and the Church will be cleaned weekly in accordance with Church and Scottish government Covid-19 guidelines.
2. You will be welcomed at the door by an elder who will provide hand-sanitiser.
3. Because of the narrow entrance hall you may be asked to wait outside for a short time. If this is the case please maintain 2 metre physical distancing at all times.
4. Face- coverings must be worn at all times in the Church – please take one with you. But don't worry if you forget yours – we will have a few disposables available.
5. You will be asked for your name and phone number for the Test and Protect scheme.

6. An elder will guide you to a seat. You must remain seated throughout the service unless you become unwell in which case please leave the Church immediately and tell one of the duty elders as you leave.
7. The toilet will be open – if you require to use it please wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.
8. The procedure for leaving the Church will be explained after the service. On leaving the Church please use the hand-sanitiser provided.
9. As we need to make sure the Church is well- ventilated, you may find it a bit cooler than normal – so please wrap up warmly!

I hope you will understand that these steps are being taken to try and keep everyone safe during this time. If you feel at all unwell please stay at home and self-isolate. I'm always happy to speak to you on the phone about any concerns you may have – just give me a ring - Tel 851295.

I look forward to welcoming people back into the sanctuary for these short acts of worship.

Every blessing

Alison S Swindells

Minister