



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL IS OPEN FOR WORSHIP



from Sunday July 19th at 10.15am and Wednesday July 22nd at 11am
for Celebrations of the Eucharist

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to announce that St John's Cathedral will be open again for worship following the guidelines issued by the College of Bishops. This will begin on Sunday July 19th and Wednesday July 21st.

The Cathedral will also continue to be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 10am –11am. I am grateful to those who are stewarding on Wednesdays. For the rest of the week (and immediately after services) we will still need to remain closed.

Inevitably you will notice a few small changes to ensure that we are keeping ourselves and others safe... the services will be slightly shorter and of course we will need to observe all the rules about distancing and hand hygiene as in other public places. Sanitiser is provided.

We do not have to wear masks but if you feel you would prefer to, please do as feels comfortable for you. Households can sit together but otherwise, we have distanced rows and seats and 'angels' will sit on the seats we are not using.

Other aspects we will describe as we begin our worship, but please do ensure that as you arrive, distance is kept. We are not planning a booking system as we can accommodate the 50 allowed. *Should numbers exceed on Sunday, I will make an alternative arrangement on the day.*

RECORDED SERVICES

For those who do not feel comfortable, or are not able to return yet, recorded services will continue to be put online – these will now be available from THURSDAYS at 11am and will be recordings of the Wednesday Service. Those attending will not be seen unless happy to be so!

SINGING TOGETHER VIRTUALLY

I am also looking to develop possibilities to sing together – even if only on Zoom initially and will announce dates for some 'Songs of Praise' evenings. Choir members might like to take their hymnbooks home for the music! I will also be inviting choices of hymns.

I am delighted that we can once again have the opportunity to worship and pray together. Although we cannot sing, the organ will enhance our worship and be, we pray, the herald of more music in the future.

*God's blessing
Beannachadh Dhè
Margi*

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell
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