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COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Monifieth Parish Church is following all advice issued by both the Scottish and UK Governments, and the Church of Scotland's 'Coronavirus Task Group'. The following is what this looks like in practice for our congregation:

Worship

All church groups are cancelled until further notice.¹

Gatherings for corporate worship, including on a Sunday morning are cancelled until further notice. Home Communion will be available as guidance allows.

Minister, Parish Assistant and Pastoral Assistant will not 'house hop' during visits. Face-to-face visits will be severely restricted. Individuals are to return home after each visit to thoroughly wash hands and face with soap and water before visiting the next person. Hospitals, care homes and hospices are to be contacted before visiting.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Team are to contact their people via telephone in the first instance to assess risk and need. If visiting in person, follow the directions as outlined above for the minister, etc.

Elders are to contact people on district list via telephone rather than visit. If telephone numbers are not available, please put a wee note through doors with contact details for you and the church, reminding members of church's prayers and offer of support.

Use of Buildings

The main church building may be opened at various times for individuals to use for prayer and reflection. It may also become used to support community volunteers.

¹ Church groups are: Indoor Bowling; Community Play Date; SAM; High-5; Thursday Badminton; Guild; Rambling Group.

Please continue to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (perhaps take your time to say the Lord's Prayer as you are doing so!). The church building has plenty of sinks with soap dispensers: please use them as frequently as you wish.

Please refrain from hugging and shaking hands with others and, wherever possible, keep a 2m distance

If you find yourself coughing or sneezing, please use a tissue and put in a waste bin. Boxes of tissues and extra bins are available around the building.

Information on how to use the kitchens and wipe down surfaces are located throughout the building. Please be diligent in reading this information and following the instructions.

Those who hire our premises should maintain the highest levels of hygiene. If they wish to cancel bookings, they will not be charged in this instance.

Management

The congregation is engaging with the community via Voluntary Action Angus, to provide practical and emotional support to all in need. This includes making neighbour slips available to those who want to use them.

Decision-making powers are delegated to the Session Clerk, Depute Session Clerk, Health and Safety Rep and Moderator between meetings to ensure we continue to comply with government and denominational advice/direction.

Information updates will be made available via the church Facebook page and website. For those who wish to worship remotely, the podcast will be available by 5pm each Sunday evening, accessible from the website.

Website: www.mpcos.org.uk

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