

## Updated Guidelines for Church; Beyond Level 0



As you will no doubt be aware, Scotland moved out of Level 0 restrictions as from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This has led to the removal of restrictions on numbers for many activities and a relaxation in how many businesses including cafes and restaurants are able to operate.

The Church of Scotland has finally been able to issue up-to-date guidance based upon the eventual publication of the Scottish Government's guidance on 27<sup>th</sup> August! The Kirk Session discussed this fully at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September and the following is a brief summary of what was agreed. The key points are: -

**Face coverings** – by law, these will continue to be required to be worn during worship in the meantime.

**Singing** – this is allowable, behind a face covering.

**Choir** – we anticipate that the Choir will return on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**Booking** – this is no longer required. The Session has decided that, in the short term, we should continue to take 'Track and Trace' details for those attending worship (these records are destroyed after 21 days). These details are necessary, by law, if you are having tea and coffee after the service.

While booking isn't necessary, it would be helpful for those on Door Duty if were able to pre-book in the meantime to assist with smooth and speedy entry to worship. Please note ... you **can** just turn up for worship on the day if you so wish – we will just have to record your details. Booking will continue to be available on a Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am by phoning 0141 942 0507.

**Seating** – the need for 1 metre 'social distancing' has been removed, however we are very conscious of people's desire for safety at this time and would wish to do everything to support this. Accordingly, the Kirk Session has decided to retain our 1 metre 'spaces' for worship in the sanctuary in the meantime.

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