

Dear Friends,

I write to share with you our plans for reopening for public worship. We have to follow guidance from Government to ensure the health and safety of those involved as we seek to meet the needs of all our community. To do this well we will be reopening in a limited way, as outlined below, and we will be continuing to respond to Government guidance as it emerges. Many of the areas listed will feel so different from what we have been used to, some will feel wrong, but we have no choice as we work to halt the spread of the Covid 19 virus and its devastating effects

On a Sunday morning we will continue to stream a service which allows for singing from my study for our church, the rest of the Circuit and beyond. There will not be a service at church

Public worship will initially be at 3pm with the same theme as the morning. We would welcome your thoughts on timings but had to take an initial decision. Please share your thoughts with one of the stewards or with Richard. All can be changed

Priority will be given to those who do not have access to the streamed service.

For these services in the initial phase:

There will be 30 places available to book. If you would like to book a place you need to let Richard know (079279 33810, 01296 339899 revrja@outlook.com) by 7pm on Wednesday. If more people apply than seats, priority will be given to those who cannot access the streamed service, if needs be lots will be drawn to determine who is offered a seat. If more people would like to attend worship in church than the number of seats, we will look at other service times

The service in line with Government guidance will last about 30-40 minutes

You may need to queue to get in, please be patient

You will be invited to sanitise on arrival. As far as possible you will be asked not to touch anything

We are required to take contact details for all who come

You will be asked to sit in a particular place and only to leave when asked

There will be no Junior Church or Crèche facilities. Parents would need to try to ensure that children maintained social distancing

There will be no books available, but you could bring your own Bible and take it back home with you

There will be no singing.

If you are asked to share in any responses, please do so quietly

Everyone, apart from those leading the service, will be encouraged to wear a face mask, we hope to have some available for use

There will be no refreshments

Social distancing must be followed as far as is possible

These are challenging times and we must respond to the guidance and advice from Government. Can I stress that if 100 people want attend services in church, we will work to accommodate this but we will all need to be flexible and things may take time to ensure safety of us all

The hope at present is that the first act of public worship will take place on the 19th at 3pm