

Dear Parishioners, the time has come that we can now worship under one roof together, we have been awaiting this day for a long time. In light of the NI Executive's announcement that Churches can now reopen, we plan to welcome you back to church on Sunday 5th July 2020 at 10.30am.

Whilst we are looking forward to welcoming you back to church, returning to church will look and feel different for a while. Therefore, we have outlined some important information we would like you to take note of, in preparation for returning to church.

We thought it would be helpful to share with you a few of the things that will have to be in place to allow this to happen.

- We will have one service each Sunday at 10.30am, the front doors will be open from 10.00am. Entrance will be via the front doors only and the side doors will be used for exits – thus allowing us to put in place a one-way system.
- On arrival sanitising facilities will be available, but please do bring your own sanitiser/tissues and pens as desired. You will be required to take a track and trace card which will be used to record your name, phone number and pew number.
- Select Vestry Members will be acting as stewards and they will direct all parishioners to a seat. We will be seating people from the front as they arrive.
- Only come with those in your own house, (do not give anyone outside your household/bubble a lift).
- Please do not attend church if you or a member of your household is experiencing, or recovering from, symptoms of COVID-19.
- Please do not attend church if you are shielding until shielding advice is amended to allow you to do so.
- Face masks are preferred unless stated otherwise. For e.g. asthmatics and young children for example.
- All Bibles, Church Hymnal and Prayer Books will be removed from the pews per COI Protocol – if you would like to bring your own from home please do so.
- Exit through both side doors, where you can give collection into baskets, as well as return your tack and trace card for contact tracing obligations.



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We are aware that things change so quickly, therefore we will seek to communicate with you should any changes occur. In the meantime, we would ask you to follow these instructions closely as we seek to bring people back into the building to worship together safely.

Blessings,

St Marks Portadown