



Alloway Parish Church

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Dear Friends

Firstly can I say I hope this note finds you and yours well. We live in interesting times!

It seems a long time since we were all able to be together. Therefore I am keen to update you with our church news

The life and witness of the church continues. Amidst the challenges of the global pandemic there are opportunities!

I hope you will be aware that we have a weekly on line service <https://www.allowaychurch.org/>

I am told that we now broadcast to more people outside of the church than we would normally do within our four walls!

I am hugely indebted to our hard working technical support team

We also have dial- a -service option 01292 439780 (local call rates)

We are extremely grateful too for your wonderful support of the South Ayrshire Food bank Collection which takes place every Sunday 10am -2pm at the halls. The generosity of the Alloway community has been inspiring

The church remains open for personal prayer Wed 10am - 12 noon.

We continue to value and thank you for your financial support. (Later this year I suspect we will be returning to this subject!)

You will be aware now that we are in phase 3 of lockdown. Nationally churches are allowed to open for public worship

From Sunday 26 July we would like to return to public worship in the church for a short service starting at 10.30am.

This will replace the time set aside on Sunday for private prayer which will continue on Wednesdays from 10am -12 noon.

Physical distancing requirements mean that the church will have a limited capacity of 45 people. Should more people attend a further 30 will be accommodated at a separate service in the large hall.

The Scottish Government has classified those who are at greater risk from Covid 19 and include people in the vulnerable category (high risk) and those in the extremely vulnerable category (extremely high risk).

If you are in the vulnerable category the Kirk Session asks that you give very careful consideration before deciding to attend church. Those in the extremely vulnerable category should not attend under any circumstances.

If you are considering attending we will be required to take your contact details and it is recommended that you wear a face covering which you should bring with you.

We will not be permitted to sing! (or in my case make a cheerful noise)

I appreciate the above arrangements are very far from ideal.

However in tough times we seek to take every available opportunity to build up the fellowship of the church.

In conclusion, we are not necessarily expecting to see you!

However as a valued member we want you to be apprised of the latest developments in the life of the church.

Please be aware also I am very happy to undertake socially distanced visits.

If you would like me to call (or Dr David Hume) do not hesitate to be in touch.

We really do enjoy garden visiting !!

Do continue if you are able to visit our web site or face book for regular congregational news

*“The Church is wherever God’s people are praising,
knowing they’re wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ’s followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news of God.”*

Keep safe

Every blessing

Neil