**Re-opening for Worship @ MMCPC**

We are delighted to be reopening our church doors for morning worship on Sunday 30th August. This will obviously be in line with Scottish Government and Church of Scotland guidelines and summarised as follows:

* Cleaning protocols are in place to ensure all surfaces you will touch or come into contact with have been cleaned and sanitized.
* Services must start promptly at 10.30h.
* Come early – to be seated before 10.20h.
* 2m distancing must be respected inside the church and outside. Traffic cones spaced at 2m intervals up the drive to the door of the church mark the safe distance should there be queuing to get in.
* Facemasks must be worn within the church building.
* Hand sanitizing is mandatory for everyone entering the church building (using our automatic hand gel dispensers)
* Follow the one-way system to enter and to leave the church building.
* You will be shown to your seat
* Bring your own Bible
* There will be no singing although pre-recorded worship songs will be played in line with the online services.

Consistent with the Scottish Government’s advice to protect worshippers, no more than 50 will be allowed to attend any service. All who attend must be registered to support contact tracing should there be an outbreak of COVID-19 and there will be no singing and facemasks must be worn.

To support the need to register attendance but also to manage the restricted seating those wishing to attend the Sunday morning services need to reserve places at the services. If demand exceeds availability of places we will ensure that any who wish to attend but can’t will get priority for the following Sunday’s service.

Please note that at the current time children of P7 age and younger should not be registered for Sunday morning services – we will re-start HizKidz and youth activities as soon as Government advice permits but Pauline will be continuing her very popular “kitchen table” series for our online services in the meantime. Babies in car seats can be brought into the church and should be included in registration numbers.

Family activities are also available for use at home – please email [mmcastlefamily@gmail.com](mailto:mmcastlefamily@gmail.com) if you are interested.

An event has been set up on Eventbrite for you to indicate your wish to attend Sunday services and to provide the necessary information for contact tracing.  You can access this using [this link](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maxwell-mearns-castle-church-sunday-morning-worship-tickets-117847381691) and there is also a step by step guide to making your booking.  **Please note that if you registered using the previous system last week, you will need to re-register using Eventbrite for the forthcoming Sundays so apologies for this.**

**Registration for each Sunday service will close on Eventbrite at 9pm on the preceding Friday.**

**Due to Scottish Government restriction on numbers, registration does not automatically mean that you will be able to attend. Confirmation emails will be sent on the day before worship so please do not attend unless you have received a confirmation email or a telephone call if you are not registered for email.**

Livestreaming of our Sunday morning services will continue so please continue to join us in worship from your own home if:

* you feel safer at home
* you are worried about risk to others or risk from others around COVID-19 – it is recognised that older age and past or current illness increases risk of doing badly with COVID-19
* you are feeling unwell with any symptoms at all on Sunday mornings. In this circumstance **YOU MUST STAY AT HOME**
* you have not registered to attend in person and have not received a second Eventbrite email to confirm your attendance.

**Depending on the location of your seats, there is a possibility that you may be visible in the live-stream. If you would prefer to avoid this, please respond accordingly to the consent question when registering and we will endeavour to seat you out of view of the cameras.**