



Cadder Parish Church
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Dear Member,

This psalmist wrote, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord". Psalm 122 v1.

After 6 months of closure, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Cadder Sanctuary will reopen on the 20th of September at our usual time, 10.30am. We are beginning our journey of return to Cadder Church to worship the Living God again. As we make our return to the house of the Lord, worship is going to look very different due to the restrictions in place to tackle the ongoing pandemic. As in so many aspects of our lives, at church we will have to adapt and evolve into new ways of doing things.

The Church of Scotland has issued guidance which we require to follow to support re-opening of our church. Given the lifting of restrictions and the pausing of shielding, it is essentially your decision as to whether you return to church later this month. To enable you to make an informed decision, I would like to let you know what we are doing to ensure that the church is a safe place to attend. Attached to this letter is some detailed information on our re-opening arrangements which I would ask you to consider carefully alongside current Scottish Government and Church of Scotland Covid-19 guidance which can be accessed on line.

At present only 30 seats will be available for the congregation in church on a Sunday morning in accordance with Scottish Government rules on social distancing. If you want to come to church you will need to book your place. We have set up a dedicated booking phone line for this purpose. The phone number is **07312 358221** and bookings will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Your contact details will be taken when you make a booking. You can book for more than one person in your household. The church will be open from 10.15am to allow time for all attending to enter safely and sanitise their hands on the way in.

If more than 30 people try to book, names will be placed on a waiting list. If you have made a booking and then find that you'll not be able to attend, please call the booking line to cancel. Leave a message on the phone if you call outwith the booking time slots. This will allow your space to be offered to someone else. If you are unable to book a slot for the service you will be asked if you want your name placed on the attendance list for the following week.

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Please note that there will be no creche facility in the church as we restart. I hope to be able to welcome children back to church as soon as possible. We will look to make appropriate arrangements after we get our Sunday service back up and running.

I trust the information provided will help you make your decision. If you do decide to attend church then I will be delighted to welcome you and to rejoice with you in the house of the Lord through prayer, preaching and readings.

If you decide not to return at present, a service will continue to be made available each week accessed through the Cadder Website, Cadder Facebook page or Cadder YouTube channel. The telephone dial up service will also remain available. I hope that you will continue to be blessed by our online worship.

Going forward I will keep you all updated on our service arrangements as restrictions on worship, we pray, are eased further.

With every blessing,

Rev John

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Information Sheet – Returning to Worship at Cadder Church

What we are doing to ensure your safety in compliance with Church of Scotland guidance on re-opening church buildings

- Cadder has completed a church risk assessment which has been passed by Glasgow Presbytery.
- We have carefully assessed the number of people who can be seated for the service within the downstairs area of the Sanctuary in addition to the Minister and others involved in the running of the service. Applying the 2 metre social distancing rule, we can seat 30 people for the service. The booking system will ensure effective management of numbers attending church. (We are not permitted to use the balcony at present.)
- The church has undergone a deep clean in preparation for reopening.
- All pew cushions, hymn books and bibles have been removed to support effective cleaning. There will be no order of service as we restart services.
- A team of volunteers will be on duty at each service to steward entry to the church and to show the congregation to predesignated seating positions. The volunteers will attend to the cleaning of the church after each service and to any required sanitising of touch surfaces as people enter the building.
- Hand sanitising stations will be provided for use on entry to the church.
- As you enter the church your attendance will be noted in compliance with the Scottish Government's Test and Protect system. Attendance information will be held for the required 21 days then destroyed.
- Church doors will be open as you enter and exit to reduce the need to touch door surfaces.
- Seating positions will be filled from the front to the rear of the church to reduce the potential for people to cross paths.
- There will be no singing during the service. Music and the organ can be played.
- If you give your offering through the open plate or freewill offering envelopes, the open plate will be in the vestibule as you enter to receive your offering.
- At the end of the service, the Minister will remind you of exit arrangements. Those on the organ side will leave by the side door. Those on the pulpit side will leave by the main entrance. Again, this is to reduce the potential for people to cross paths.

What we are asking of you to ensure your safety and the safety of others

- Anyone who is displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who is self-isolating because they are living with someone who is displaying symptoms, or is staying at home as a result of contact tracing, must not attend church.
- Please use the sanitiser provided as you enter the church.
- Please ensure that you comply with the 2 metre social distancing rule while you are in the church and as you enter and leave church grounds. Avoid gathering in groups as you enter and leave.
- Unless you are exempted, please wear a face mask or covering when you enter church grounds, throughout the service in church and as you exit the church and grounds.
- Touch as few surfaces as possible as you enter and exit the church building and while you are in the church.
- Please sit in the seat to which you are shown. To keep things as simple and safe as possible as we restart services, we will be asking everyone to sit in individual seating positions. As restrictions ease we will be able to look at changing these arrangements.
- Follow the exit instructions provided by the Minister. If you are seated on the organ side of the church and do not wish to leave by the side door, please just remain in your seat until everyone on the left hand side has left. You will then be stewarded out of the main entrance.

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