



News from our Minister

I write to share with you some of our plans to re-open the Church building in line with Government and Church of Scotland advice.

The Kirk Session has now agreed to reopen the main sanctuary for Sunday worship on Sunday the 27th of September. We are just waiting on final approval from Presbytery to do this. Our staff, the Elders and volunteers have worked hard to ensure that future risks are minimised and all safeguards are in place to make worshipping as safe as possible during this pandemic.

As with any activity, the risk of infection is real and present. Worship and the Church building will not be as it was on the 15th March 2020 when we last gathered face-to-face in the sanctuary. Worship in the Church building will be different in the following ways:

- The Church will be cleaned and disinfected before and after every Service.
- As we enter and exit, please maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from others and use the hand sanitiser available.
- We have a one-way system in the Church - enter at the main doors from the car park and exit via the sanctuary fire escape doors onto the car park.
- We have 33 allocated seating places that can hold an individual or a household group. The maximum capacity of the whole sanctuary is 50 people in total (which includes 10 individuals in preparing and leading the Service - 5 Duty Staff, myself and 4 others). If you turn up and we have reached capacity (of 40), we CANNOT make 'extra space' beyond this.
- We can only seat people together in household groups. You will be told where to sit. The balcony is off limits. You will be sitting in an unfamiliar seat.
- We require you to wear a face covering throughout the time you are in the Church building. We will have a supply if you need one.
- We must keep a record of a name and phone number from each household. To attend Church you will need to 'pre-book' by the Thursday beforehand.
- We will collect the offering at the entrance and exit doors. If you have a number of free will offering envelopes, you may wish to write a single cheque for the total amount to place in one envelope or make a direct deposit or bank transfer to the Church account. James Kerr, our Treasurer can supply details ([✉jameskerr01@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jameskerr01@hotmail.co.uk) ☎0141 772 6015).
- We will have music but will not be singing together. No hymnbooks or Bibles will be available and all the pew cushions have been removed.
- We will continue to 'live stream' the Services only via our YouTube account through the Church website (www.springfieldcambridge.org.uk). Cost implications mean that we can no longer stream via Facebook as well.
- If you are unwell or should be isolating because of contact with a positive Covid-19 case or live with someone with symptoms, please stay at home and do not come to the Church putting others at risk.

On our first Sunday back in the Church on the 27th of September, the Office-Bearers will be our first congregation to allow us an opportunity to try out these new procedures. After that we will be using a pre-booking system as we work through the list of those who have already expressed a desire to return to try and ensure that all who wish to attend may do so, not just all at once!

Further information will be provided on our Website and Facebook pages. Alternatively, please contact your District Elder for further help, or phone me at the Manse.

While, I look forward to seeing your faces again at worship, I want everyone to know that we will continue to do our best to provide resources for those who choose not to attend in person or who are unable to come to the Church (DVD's of the Services are available upon request.)

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Dear Church Members

I hope that this correspondence finds you well. These are changing and challenging times for us all.

Our Church is not immune from these challenges – how to Worship in different ways, how to care for our members, how to serve your spiritual and pastoral needs, and those of our Parish. In a practical way too, how to maintain our income? Unfortunately, since March 2020 our expenditure has not greatly reduced with the closure of our Church buildings. Our capacity to generate income has been severely diminished with the closure of our halls. Regular income from our many hall lets has ceased. Whilst much of the Church's regular giving (excluding Gift Aid) is made by **Standing Order** and we are very grateful to those members who contribute in this way, not all of it is. Until our Services resume later this month, albeit with a limited capacity of 50 worshippers, opportunities for members to maintain their givings by Freewill Offering and Open Plate, have been reduced.

I am writing to ask if you will consider switching your method of making your offering to Standing Order. This can be done whether or not you have signed a **Gift Aid declaration** (Income Taxpayers only), although if you do, the Church can benefit from an additional 25%. With that in mind, if you would like to do this please contact myself. My contact details are printed below. Payment may be made by the provision of our Bank details if you have online banking or by the issue of bank mandate for you to give to your bank. The preferred payment interval is monthly, but if you would rather make weekly or four weekly payments, these will be gladly received.

I invite you to carefully and prayerfully consider how you can continue to support your Church. I am aware that there are many demands and requests for money, and some of you are anxious about your own income at this time. However, whatever you can do to help just now will be appreciated.

Treasurer Jim Kerr

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FUNERALS

God of grace and peace, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us new birth into a living hope. Strengthen us now to live in the power of the resurrection and keep us united with our loved one from whom in death we are not divided. For you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen

Wednesday 27 th May, 2020	Miss Chloe Langdon, Dunellan Way
Thursday 4 th June, 2020	Mrs Margaret E. Gibson, Rannoch Gardens
Tuesday 9 th June, 2020	Mrs Marjory M. Johnston, Mavisbank Care Home
Friday 12 th June, 2020	Mrs Jean (Jeanie) Provan, Carron Crescent
Saturday 13 th June, 2020	Mr Alexander (Alec) B. Dickie, Springfield Avenue
Tuesday 7 th July, 2020	Mr Thomas Cherry, Lomond Drive
Thursday 23 rd July, 2020	Mr Jack Lyle, Hawthorn Avenue
Monday 27 th July, 2020	Mrs Margaret C. Henry, Linnhe Avenue
Tuesday 28 th July, 2020	Mr Robert I. Murray, Myrtle Square
Thursday 30 th July, 2020	Mr Patrick (Pat) Culley, Springfield Crescent
Friday 31 st July, 2020	Mrs Margaret T. Stewart, Sandra Road
Monday 3 rd August, 2020	Mrs Hannah Izatt, Lindsayfield Lodge Care Home
Monday 17 th August, 2020	Mrs Lily B. Lowe, Westerfield Care Centre
Thursday 3 rd September, 2020	Mrs Elizabeth (Bette) D. M. Harrower, Heather Gardens
Friday 18 th September, 2020	Mrs Hannelore Kovacs, Woodhill Road



Springfield Cambridge Church **“The Record”**

In previous missives, issued earlier in the year, we optimistically outlined that a further issue of our church magazine would be published later in the year. Well, we have now arrived at “later in the year” and still our situation is fraught with difficulties. But we remain both optimistic and steadfast in the faith – the aim remains very much that we will endeavour, if at all possible, to publish a “Record” before the end of 2020.

WEDDING



Gracious God, we praise you for the gift of love - that most precious of gifts which endures beyond all others, bearing all things, believing all things and hoping all things. We thank you for the joy that comes from two lives truly being shared, from two people becoming one, each complementing and enriching the other, each helping love to grow. Amen.



Michelle Rae & Iain Alastair Baird
Thursday 3rd September, 2020

Finally, a look at what other churches have said in “Newsletters” to their members

We will keep everyone updated and we appreciate everyone’s patience, love and support as we try to carefully pick our way through this difficult situation. *The Leadership Team, Frodsham Methodist Church*

We should be concerned. The coronavirus is real. But we cannot and we will not be afraid. We are the Church and, together, we belong to Christ. *The Rev Dr Dan Selbo, Bishop, North American Lutheran Church*

We encourage you to remain united in faith, hope and love and keep responding to our current circumstances with confidence and creativity, assured by the promise of the risen Christ, “I am with you always to the end of the world” (Mt 28:20). *The Bishops’ Conference of Scotland*