



## August 2<sup>nd</sup> is truly Back to Church Sunday for our Church

This page gives you important information about the practicalities of getting back to church and is a combination of guidance from the Scottish Government, the Church of Scotland and our own planning team.

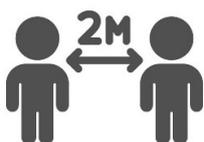
### What we have been doing?

We have been planning for your safe return following strict cleaning guidelines and putting items and procedures in place to ensure this. We have also had some work done on the vestibule when tradesmen were able to return.

### Some very practical issues you need to know.

Currently we are allowed up to **50 people** in church for public worship (20 for funerals and weddings). While we welcome all, as this is a government requirement we have to stick to it. Arrangements are in place that some elders may give up their place for other worshippers if required, however, depending on numbers, in extreme circumstances you may be asked to go home if we cannot accommodate you.

**All attending worship must be appropriately distanced by 2 metres** (except people from the same household). So you will be asked to follow our signage and not sit in the clearly marked 'buffer pews'.



**You are required to wear a mask** unless you have a medical condition which prevents this. Please put your mask on before you arrive at the front door. If you don't have a mask we can give you one.

**Please enter by the main entrance**, remaining at least 2 metres behind the person in front. We will use two doors on exit, depending on where you sit.

On entry to the church **please use the hand sanitiser**. For the coming weeks please **do not shake hands** but use an alternative non-physical greeting.



As part of the **NHS Test and Protect arrangements we are required to keep a record of all who attend worship**, with contact details. For this purpose paper slips and pencils are on each pew. Before worship begins please complete the slip and leave it where you sit. These will be collected from the pew after you leave. The pencil will be disposed of, so if you want to keep it then take it away.

**A clearly marked toilet will be available** in the extension corridor but others are closed for the time being.

The kitchen is non-operational, however, if you need water during the service

**we will be pleased to give you a bottle.** Please take this home.

The service will be shorter than normal, probably around 40 minutes in length. Although **we are unable to sing currently**, music and meditative songs will be provided by the organ and our multimedia system.

If you are unable to attend worship then **services will be recorded and posted on our church website and Facebook page as soon as practicable** (hopefully later each Sunday) for you to view at home at any time thereafter. The pre-recorded online "His Word for Today" services will change. DVDs of the service will be available to those who do not have internet and who wish to receive these. CDs may be available if you do not have a DVD player.



[macduffparishchurch.org.uk](http://macduffparishchurch.org.uk)

A special *Welcome Back to Church* video is being prepared for our website and Facebook page so please check them out regularly.

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### Our Market St Church Hall:

Activities not involving catering are planned to recommence in October.

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### Macduff Parish Church

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the Church of Scotland  
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