



St. Andrew's Parish
Church of Scotland
Annan

In-person worship Q&A

We are excited about being able to welcome folks back into our Church building for in-person Worship. Numbers will be restricted to maintain social distancing requirements and there are a number of other changes, we hope the information below answers any questions you may have about attending, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in-person.

For those who are not comfortable with attending or who we cannot accommodate, we will be live-streaming the service on our YouTube channel and a recording will be available to view on-demand later in the day.

Can I just turn up to a service?

Yes, we no longer require you to book a pew in advance, we still have a limit on the number of household groups and individuals we can accommodate to maintain social distancing requirements. Seating will be allocated on a first come basis, we do have additional capacity if required in the Church Hall.

Do I have to provide my contact details?

Yes. We're required to maintain attendance records to assist in the Test and Protect scheme. You're details will be stored in accordance to our Privacy Policy which is available on the website or at the entrance to the Church.

Can I sit wherever I want?

The welcoming stewards will show you to a seat when you arrive. To maximise capacity we have to fill the pews in a certain order and do the same when emptying to leave. Where reasonably possible, we ask that you remain seated during the service.

Can I sit with other people?

To maintain physical distancing, we will seat people from different households 2 metres apart. Where possible, we will aim to seat those in the same household together although this will not always be possible.

Has the building been cleaned?

Yes. All pews and touch points, among other things, are cleaned before each service.

Will I have to wear a face covering?

Yes. The current guidance is for all congregation members to wear face coverings inside buildings. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering because of a medical reason, please just make the welcoming stewards aware of this when you arrive. We do have face masks and visors available should you forget to bring one.

Do I need to bring hand sanitiser?

We will provide hand sanitiser at all entrances/exits to the church. However, you're very welcome to bring your own as well.

Will we be allowed to sing?

We are now permitted to have congregational singing in the Church building, you will still have to keep your face covering on.

Will there be an offering?

Yes. There will be a bowl available to put money/envelopes in on your way into the service, or we can take your offering through contactless card transaction. Giving online or setting up a standing order is the safest way to give to the Church just now, you can do this through our website or via the QR Code displayed at the end of our YouTube Service videos. You can email Graham for more details at treasurer@asabpc.org.uk

Will FAiTH and cuSUNDAYS be meeting?

No, we are currently assessing the viability of holding activities in the hall at the same time as the church service, we would be required to keep these two groups separate to meet COVID guidance. We continue to provide our fortnightly 'Kids at Home' YouTube video.

Will I be able to use the toilets?

Yes, the disabled toilet in the hall will be open for use. We will also be cleaning it more regularly than usual and there is hand sanitiser available throughout the buildings.

Will the heating be on?

Yes, the Church heating will be on, but we are required to maintain good ventilation during the service, to facilitate this the window vents and Gallery doors will be open, please ensure you are wrapped-up accordingly.

Is there tea and coffee afterwards?

No. To minimise cleaning requirements our kitchen is currently closed.

Will there be time to chat to people at the end?

To promote physical distancing, at the end of the service, people sitting closest to the exit will be asked to leave first. We ask that you don't stop and chat to people inside the building. If you know of others attending the service, you're very welcome to arrange to catch up with them after while maintaining social distancing. We ask that you move away from the exit prior to doing this and consider other pavement users.