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NEWS SHEET

Hello from Bennochty manse,

Well the time has finally arrived when we have received all our permissions from Presbytery to reopen the Bennochty building. This is for Sunday worship only, beginning **Sunday 20th September 2020 @ 11 am**

Can I remind you, that to allow for social distancing, our numbers will be **restricted within the sanctuary to 36**, and please, no handshakes or hugs! Remember to bring your face covering, and hand sanitisers will be available on entry and exit. In the sanctuary you will be shown to a specific seat and a one-way system will be in place for movement around the building. The service itself will be shorter, as there will be no singing. Now to some important practicalities - the disabled toilet will be open for use, and, as the pew cushions have been removed, you will need to bring your own and take it home with you. There will be no pew bibles in use, no orders of service... there seems to be a lot of "no's", and, 'no' tea/coffees afterwards. You will be guided by our welcome teams as to when and how to leave the building. The offering will be taken as a retiral collection as you leave the church.

We are required to pass on the following advice from the Church of Scotland:

Anyone who is unwell or who shows symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature/fever, cough, or loss of smell), who is isolating, or who is living with someone who is isolating or is unwell must not attend church. If you are in any of the high-risk vulnerable categories (health conditions/age) and/or has been shielding, you should consider your position regarding returning to church at the present time.

To help you with this, please use the [Assessment tool](#) on the Bennochty Church web site or contact Robin on 01592 643518 or revrobinmcalpine@gmail.com. If you are in any doubt, please stay at home.

As a congregation we need to support the **NHS Scotland 'Test and Protect'** strategy. This is to help minimise the risk of the number of infections increasing. To do this, you will be asked to supply the following information: your name and contact details (your phone number is best) every time you attend a service in the church building. If you are attending as a couple, a household group or as a "bubble", information from one person is sufficient. Your time of arrival will be noted.

Please be assured that there is a legitimate and lawful basis for this request for your personal information, which will be held confidentially and destroyed securely, 21 days after being recorded, in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). You have previously been sent a copy of our church Privacy Notice, giving you information about our procedures for dealing safely with your personal details, and your rights under these regulations.

Unless you leave immediately after the service ends, please let us know when you are ready to leave. In the highly unlikely event there is a cluster of coronavirus cases linked to the church, NHS tracing staff will make contact for details of those individuals who were present, and follow up anyone who was in close proximity to someone at the church who tests positive for coronavirus. You will then be given advice as to what to do next.

Contacting people who might have been exposed to coronavirus is an important step in stopping the spread. Your information will only be used if requested by NHS Scotland or statutory partners.

For the full 'Collection of Personal Data Privacy Notice' visit the official website: Please see [gov.scot/contact-tracing-privacy-notice](https://www.gov.scot/contact-tracing-privacy-notice).

All of these measures are to make sure we welcome people back into a safe environment, and we take seriously the impact of this virus if it once again starts to spread in the community.

We are going to do our best to have some form of 'livestreaming' of the Sunday service on our You Tube channel. Please check the Bennochty web site and Facebook page for more details, along with any notices in the Fife Free Press.

If able, I look forward to seeing you on a Sunday morning. With all God's blessing

Robin