



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for 2021

To all members of Bennoch church (21st December 2020)

On Saturday evening, Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, announced stricter Coronavirus restrictions, over the Christmas period, and from Boxing day, 26th December 2020.

With the whole of mainland Scotland moving into tier 4 restrictions, it means that our capacity on a Sunday morning is reduced from 46 to just 20. As this number includes the minister, organist, and welcome team, this leaves us with a very small capacity.

There is an option to try and organize a booking system, but that has its own problems, and with the Scottish Government saying we need to reduce face to face contact, we have no real option but to suspend 'in person' Sunday worship. I will again record Sunday reflections, to go onto the Bennoch website.

Over the next few week our services were already planned to be joint online services, with the other Kirkcaldy town centre churches, and will appear on the Bennoch website. These are:

1. 24th December
2. 27th December
3. 3rd January 2021

Because of the tighter restrictions running through to 18th January 2021. Services will be suspended until at least the first Sunday in February. The Kirk Session will review the situation in the middle of January and decide accordingly.

I realise how disappointing this news is, especially those who have been attending these past few months. However, it is important that we play our part in minimizing contact with others, and so help to reduce the spread of the virus. As soon as it is safe to do so, 'in person' worship will recommence.

Please keep looking at the Bennoch web site for updates.

Let me finish by wishing everyone a blessed Christmas, and all the best for 2021 (it has to be a better year!)

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