

Dear Clergy, Lay Readers, Vestry Secretaries and Diocesan Secretaries

The Advisory Group of the Scottish Episcopal Church would like to draw your attention to a significant revision of Scottish Government guidance over the safe use of places of worship, as lockdown restrictions are eased.

Last week the Group advised that travel across local authority boundaries to attend public worship was not permitted under the Scottish Government guidance. The Government has now amended that position, and travel across local authority boundaries to attend one's usual place of worship is now to be permitted, with effect from Friday this week.

Places of worship are allowed to re-open from one minute past midnight on Friday 26 March, subject to an attendance cap of 50 and provided measures such as social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, hand sanitising, and the maintaining of a register of contact details of those attending services are all in place to mitigate the risk of viral spread.

The Advisory Group would like to remind any churches planning to hold more than one service on any given day that a thorough clean of the areas of the building that have been used must take place before each new service.

Kind regards

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