

Scottish Episcopal Church: Spring 2021

Scottish Gov't Easing of Restrictions for Places of Worship

26 March

Places of worship can re-open for communal worship: Covid safe measures as before. 2m distancing capacity or a cap of 50, whichever is the lowest. Can also open for staffed individual prayer. Assume only travel within local authority area possible. Funerals (20) and weddings (5) as before.

26 April

Travel restrictions between local authority areas should be lifted for all purposes in Scotland. It should be possible by this stage to travel to a place of worship in a different local authority.

Funerals & weddings (and receptions afterwards) can take place with an increased cap of 50 people.

17 May

Possible change to place of worship capacity rules—no details at this stage.

June

Increased numbers at places of worship: details to be developed in dialogue with religious bodies through the month.

Increased numbers at e.g. funerals and weddings also TBC.

Refer to the full guidance for Covid-safe church activities at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>

Please let the bishop know your plans for re-opening. Also direct any queries via the diocesan office or GSO as usual.