

Dear Clergy, Lay Readers, Vestry Secretaries and Diocesan Secretaries

The Advisory Group of the Scottish Episcopal Church acknowledges that a relaxation of certain restrictions relevant to places of worship are expected to take effect on 26 April, notably in relation to the cap on numbers permitted to attend communal worship services.

It is expected that the current cap of 50 people will be removed when all of Scotland enters Level 3 of the Covid-19 restrictions system, and that places of worship with adequate capacity will be able to accommodate an attendance higher than 50 people provided social distancing guidelines can be adhered to. Advice on how to calculate the maximum capacity for the building will be issued by the Scottish Government.

Full details of this change and any others are awaited from the Scottish Government, and the Advisory Group intends to issue further guidance next week.

Kind regards.

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