

In consultation with the COVID-19 advisors, and based on current trends in the evolution of COVID-19 in our region, Bishop Shane has announced that on September 1 2020, our diocese will move from RED to AMBER according to our *In This Together plan* (https://bit.ly/3j7Pft5). Accordingly, the Cathedral is now making specific plans to reopen for Sunday service, with restrictions, on Sunday, September 6 — with the understanding that we will not move if conditions change for the worse between now and September 1.

It has been a long summer and we have missed being together so we will reopen "with restrictions" to test the waters and make sure we offer a safe experience for everyone. If you are interested in joining us September 6 we'd like to give you an idea of what to expect.

In this first stage, we will offer one service on Sunday morning at 10:30. Attendance will be limited to 50 people. We will remain closed during the week until further notice.

Pre-registration will be required either by email of phone. The office will confirm your booking for Sunday services making every attempt to be fair and ensure access to everyone who would like to return. If you don't make the list for your first week, you will be given priority for your second request.

If you have pre-registered and you feel at all unwell on Sunday, we ask that you please stay at home. If you are able to let us know by phone or email we might be able to offer the space to someone else.

Access to the building will be limited. Worshippers are asked to arrive at the Sparks Street entrance a minimum of 10 minutes before the service time. A greeter will meet you at the entrance to check that you have preregistered and to direct you to the registration table.

Access will be limited to the foyer and cathedral. The lower level, the Great Hall, and Lauder Hall will remain closed at this time. There will not be any access by Queen Street.

The coat room will be closed. You are asked to keep all belongings with you in the pew.

When you arrive:

Everyone will wear a mask and ensure you are physically distant from one another.

Everyone is asked to check in at the registration desk and confirm that we have correct information for contact tracing.

In church:

Removable items have been taken out of the church including books and cushions.

The Order of Service will be available online for those who might want to download it and bring it on a phone or tablet. Print copies will be available.

You will be required to sit in a designated place and are asked to remain in that place before and during the service (with the exception of communion). Please do not move around or change seats.

Physical distancing must be maintained at all time.

Communion will be available in bread only.

There will not be any congregational or choir singing - music will be provided by an organist and cantor.

There will not be any Sunday School program and the familiar red bags will not be available at the rear of the church. If you are bringing children, please keep them with you at all times and consider bringing a book or small toy as appropriate.

After the service:

We will not be having any form of coffee hour. You will be asked to exit to the forecourt immediate after the service and not to congregate in the foyer.

If you have questions or need additional information or assistance, please contact the cathedral office by phone or email and we will do our best to help.