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Welcome to the Edinburgh Presbytery newsletter. As our communities slowly begin to recover from the COVID-19 crisis, churches around the Presbytery are starting to open their doors for worship, following weeks of hard work to ensure their safety. We are continuing to work to keep you connected and informed of any updates, good news and opportunities for worship through our newsletters. If you have anything you would like us to share in this newsletter or have feedback, please contact our Communications Coordinator - PLEASE USE THIS EMAIL: edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com
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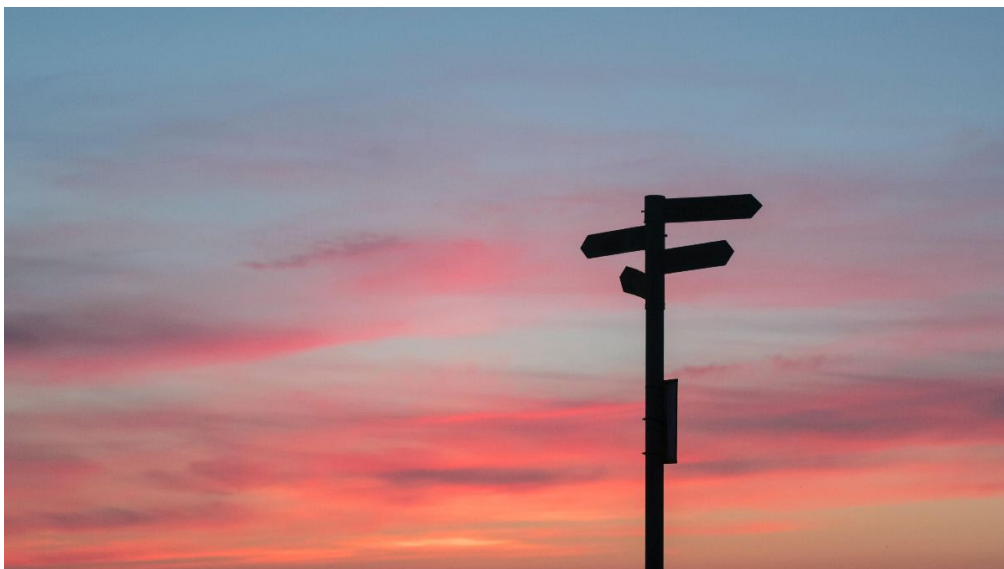
Update on the reopening of churches in the

Presbytery of Edinburgh



After months of having to close their doors to worshippers, churches in the Presbytery of Edinburgh are cautiously starting to re-open in the coming weeks, thanks to a huge effort from both individual church representatives and the Presbytery Covid-19 Group assigned to oversee the safe re-opening of church buildings. [Click here](#) to read the latest update from Presbytery on the re-opening of churches.

Planning for the future online events



In these uncertain times when much of church life has been put on hold and when meeting in person still carries a lot of restrictions, the Presbytery Planning Strategy Team, using the technology to hand, are looking to bring together a

few representatives from each congregation to talk about church in the next decade. Parish Ministers and Session Clerks have all been invited to send along three people from their congregation to a couple of upcoming Zoominars.

The first on Wednesday 19th August is an opportunity to hear from Dave Kendall, the Chief Officer of the Church of Scotland, speaking about Opportunities for Transformation, reflecting on the Church's Radical Action Plan and a national vision of the future. [Register here](#)

A month later on 16th September Rev Sarah Ross, former Convener of Partnership Development in the Ministries Council, will answer questions on the options around being church, doing ministry, and looking at different models for mission in our area. [Register here](#)

These Zoominars take the place of part of the conference that had to be cancelled in March due to the pandemic, and it is hoped will give time and opportunity to look ahead and to meet together as Kirk Sessions and then in area groups to begin to imagine and together shape church in the years to come.

Moderator issues an invitation to join him in a week of prayer



Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair is inviting everyone to join him for a week of prayer starting today and finishing on Saturday.

The initiative will include contributions from the Church of Scotland's ecumenical partners as well as youth workers, ministers and others from across the church.

[Learn more about how you can take part](#)

LATEST UPDATES TO ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Coronavirus crisis resources

Important updates	Online worship and resources around Edinburgh
<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ A message from The Presbytery Clerk★ Latest advice from The Church of Scotland★ Online resources from The Church of Scotland Ascend pages★ Information on conducting funerals and weddings during the Coronavirus outbreak	<p>Palmerston Place Church - publish a recorded video worship service online each Sunday at 11am</p> <p>Queensferry & Dalmeny Churches - will live stream services on Sundays at 10:30 am</p> <p>Polwarth Parish Church - updates, video devotions and sermons posted via Facebook and YouTube</p>

At this time of social distancing, there are many online resources available for churches and individuals that offer advice, guidance or simply a means of connection. The Presbytery of Edinburgh has continued to collate links to many useful resources on our dedicated webpage, including a new and updated list of links to available online worship and reflections being published by many churches. You can access the updated resources by [clicking here](#). If you have an online resource you would like to add, please email edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com.
