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### Presbytery of Edinburgh

# Presbytery Newsletter

14 July 2020

Welcome to the Edinburgh Presbytery newsletter. As many churches are preparing ways to open their doors and worship together again, we know that this remains a stressful and worrying time and we are working to keep you connected and informed of any updates, good news and opportunities to connect and worship online regularly. 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](mailto:edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com)

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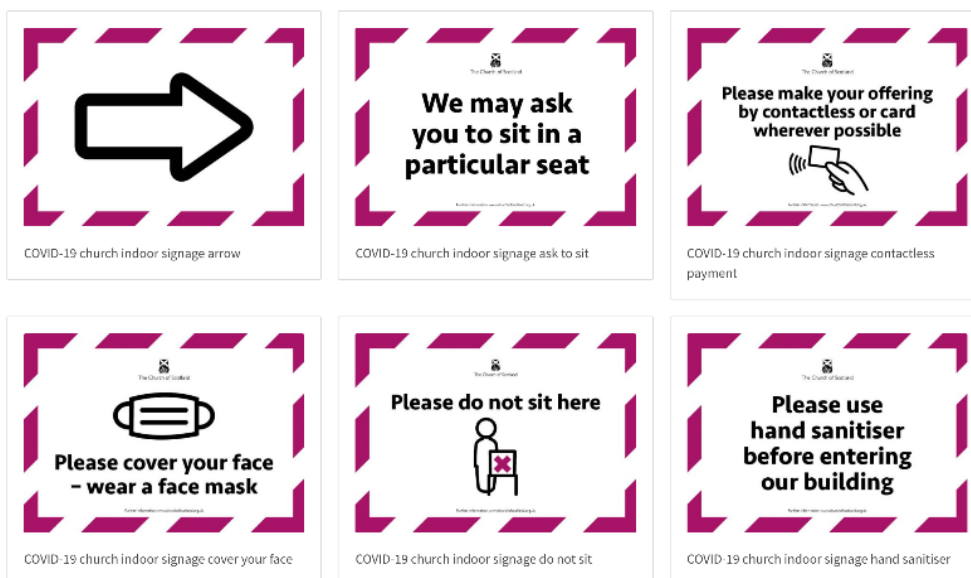
## Kirk responds to Scottish Government Phase 3 announcement



The Scottish Government has announced churches may reopen for communal worship and prayer from 15 July with continued strict physical distancing and hygiene measures, as the country enters Phase 3 of the easing of restrictions. The latest updates include some relaxation of restrictions for attendance at funerals and weddings and a limited number of people will be allowed in a church building at the same time. [Read more](#)

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## COVID-19 printable posters available



The Church of Scotland has produced free printable resources on COVID-19 for churches. You can download and print them off for when your church buildings reopen. You can download the signs [here](#).

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## Fresh Start accepting donations again



From the beginning of July, Fresh Start is accepting donations of goods to their warehouse again! However, to ensure the health and safety of the staff and volunteers, the donations of goods will need to be done a bit differently for the next few months. [Click here to download full details](#)

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# **LIBERTON KIRK'S PEACE PATHWAY**

***Spare a little time to experience the peace of our  
beautiful Kirkyard, to think about life,  
to draw closer to God.***

***Begin just inside the main gate. Read the sheet on  
the wall beside the red door of the little building there  
(the Offering House).***

***Open from 8am to 8pm daily  
during July and August***



**Website: [www.libertonkirk.net](http://www.libertonkirk.net)**

**Liberton Kirk is Scottish Charity  
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**Host a Virtual Grey Cake Coffee Morning**





As we all continue to live with the impact of COVID-19 and having to maintain social distance, is there someone you wish you could chat with over a cup of coffee and piece of cake? Holding a Virtual Grey Cakes Coffee Morning is a great way to connect with your friends and loved ones whilst helping CrossReach. You can get as creative as you like; share your recipes and compare versions of the same cake. [More information.](#)

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## Courses available for 2020/21

Last year, two short courses were launched at New College, open to 'all-comers'. These were An Introduction to Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting, led by Rev Dr Sandy Forsyth, and Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context, led by Rev Dr Alison Jack and co-taught with Rev Prof Susan Hardman Moore. These will run again this year and there will be some funding made available - contact should be made with the presbytery office, further details below:

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THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
School of Divinity



Short courses for Church  
people – all welcome!

## Introduction to Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting

This course aims to equip participants with a grounding in the theological understanding and practical knowledge needed to begin new worshipping communities or 'fresh expressions of church', through pioneer ministry and church planting.

The course will be run in partnership with the Faith Nurture Forum of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. It will be led by experienced academics and practitioners.

Course organiser: **Dr Sandy Forsyth**



### Where and when?

Classes will take place at New College and online, January-April 2021. The practicalities will be confirmed nearer the time (subject to covid-19 requirements) but the schedule is likely to involve:

- Six evening classes, 6-8pm
- Two Saturday gatherings

### Assessment

The course is accredited at SQA Level 7 for 10 credits. To be awarded credit, students must successfully complete a final assignment. It is also possible to take the course 'not for credit' and in that case there is no assessment.

### Who is it for?

This course is open to all, lay or ordained, and from any Christian denomination. Participants are likely to be involved at present in beginning a 'fresh expression of church' in their context, or are hoping to do so soon. Maximum enrolment: 25 on campus, and an overall maximum of 50 including online participants.

### Course fee

£200 (whether for credit or not)

### Contact

To register your interest, please email  
**[NewCollege@ed.ac.uk](mailto:NewCollege@ed.ac.uk)**

Zoom out



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
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New courses for Church people – all welcome!

## Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context

This course will be of interest to those who wish to explore the possibility of leading worship in their local church setting. It will focus on the history, theology and structure of worship services in a variety of styles, in order to ground current practice in its wider context.

The course will be run in partnership with the Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. It will be led by experienced academics and practitioners.

All of the components of a church service will be considered in theory and from a practical perspective. Participants will have opportunities to prepare and deliver prayers, children's talks and sermons, and to construct meaningful orders of service.

Course organiser: **Dr Alison Jack**

### Where and when?

Classes will take place at New College, 13 January – 3 April 2020, and involve:

- Six evening classes, 6–8pm
- Two Saturday afternoon classes, 1–5pm

### Assessment

The course will be piloted in 2019/20. Students who take part in the pilot will not be assessed.

### Who is it for?

This course is open to all. Participants are likely to be active in their local Church. Maximum enrolment: 25

### Course fee

£200

### Contact

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## UPDATES TO ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND VIRTUAL WORSHIP

## Coronavirus crisis resources

### Important updates

- ★ [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](#)

### Online worship and resources around Edinburgh

[Palmerston Place Church](#) - publish a recorded video worship service online each Sunday at 11am

[Queensferry & Dalmeny Churches](#) - will live stream services on Sundays at 10:30 am

[Polwarth Parish Church](#) - updates, video devotions and sermons posted via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

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](mailto:edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com).

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