

The Four Ways Mission Community

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to our weekly letter to the churches in our mission community. We have been on quite a journey together over the last few months and it has challenged us in many ways. I hope that, as restrictions are further relaxed, you are finding a new renewed freedom to do a little extra, whether that be meeting some family or friends or simply just getting out into the outside world for a walk.

As you may have heard, churches are now (since 4th July) being given the green light to restart services as long as they are Covid safe and that congregation members are happy to return. Over the next week I am hoping to hold meetings with PCCs to discuss how we can achieve this. The virus has not gone away and, I think you would agree with me, that we must still be cautious. Our proposal is to look at all our churches individually, and as a group, and see which is the best option for us to take. We will discuss at our meetings how best to do this and will present it to you all. Your views on this are important as it will be helpful to know how many of you will feel confident in returning to services in the near future.

I hope you are all well and please do not forget that, should you know of anyone who needs a phone visit for a chat, or if unwell please let me know. I am continuing with our daily broadcasts of Celtic Morning prayer and our regular Sunday service at 10am every morning and thank you for joining us. Some of our services are now attracting 200 people a day and as, I said last week, I intend to keep that going daily and broadcast our Sunday service from one of the churches each week. We are building up others in the Christian faith, which is our primary responsibility to God, our father. Please continue to join us and share with this wide variety of new people seeking a relationship with God.

The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

Also, remember we are not on a time clock to open and we will take our time and fully open when it is acceptably safe, and all guidelines are in place. If you have any worries or would like to know more, please email or phone me or the wardens and have a chat. You are the most important consideration as we prepare to open the doors.

Until next week, may God keep you all in the palm of his hand and bless and keep you in his peace.

Best wishes

Fr Shaun