



**A Guide
to attending Sunday Services
from 23rd August 2020**

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A Church where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord

INTRODUCTION

From Sunday 23rd August 2020, the church building is, once again, open for Sunday services and funerals. All other church activities and meetings in the building remain suspended for the time being.

The church building has been made as safe as possible in line with all the required regulations. However, the decision when to start attending services in the church again is a personal decision for each individual to make, based on their own personal circumstances.

In order to allow you to continue to participate in church life whatever your decision in this regard, we are pleased to offer three ways in which you can join the 11am Sunday service here at St Ninian's & Forglen Church.

- 1) Online
- 2) By telephone
- 3) In person at the church

This leaflet explains how to access the service in each of these 3 ways, and what you can expect.

ACCESSING THE SUNDAY SERVICE

1) Online

You can access the service live online in two ways:

a) On YouTube

This is the simplest way to join the service online, and will give you the best picture and sound quality:

- i. From your internet browser, go to www.youtube.com and there search for St Ninian's & Forglen Church Turriff. On our page, you will see the link for the upcoming livestream.
- ii. Or go to the church website and click on the livestream link on the home page.

a) On Zoom

- i. Simply click on the following link and then follow the on-screen instructions: <https://zoom.us/j/2888560282>
- ii. Alternatively, launch the Zoom app on your device, click on 'join meeting' and enter the meeting ID: 2888 560282, then follow the on-screen instructions.

2) By Telephone

Dial 0131 460 1196. Then, when requested, enter the meeting ID: 2888 560282 followed by #. When asked for a Participant ID, simply press #. Then just wait to be connected to the service.

3) In person at the Church

There are some aspects of coming to the Sunday service at the church which you will find are the same as usual, while other aspects are somewhat different.

Same

- The welcome at the door
- The offering plate in the foyer for your donations
- The format and content of the service
- Access to the toilets

Different

- To attend the service in person, you will require to book in advance.
- There will be no shaking of hands when you arrive or leave.
- You will be required to wear a face covering in the church building (unless exempted for medical reasons), and to sanitise your hands with hand gel on entering the building.
- There will be no Highlights sheets given out - they will continue to be emailed or posted to you in advance.
- Your attendance at the service on the day will be noted on our booking register in compliance with the NHS Scotland Track and Trace system.
- You will be asked to observe 2m physical distancing from people outwith your household.
- You will notice a lot less seats in the church sanctuary.
- Communal singing of hymns is currently not permitted in the church, but a recording of the hymns with singing, will be played for you to listen to.
- There will be no refreshments available at the end of the service.

You must not attend church:

- *If you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19;*
- *If you have tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 10 days;*
- *If you are self-isolating because you live with someone who is displaying symptoms or has tested positive;*
- *If, as a result of contact tracing, you have been advised to stay at home to minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19.*

BOOKING FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON

Because we have had to significantly reduce the seating capacity to comply with current restrictions, a booking system is in place so that everyone who wishes to attend the forthcoming Sunday service will know in advance that they have a guaranteed seat. Priority will be given to people unable to watch the service online.

At this stage, you can only book for the immediate forthcoming service.

How to book

- 1) You can email the Church Office at info@stniniansandforglen.org.uk
- 2) Or you can phone the Church Office on 01888 560282 and leave a message.

In both cases, the information we require from you is:

- a) the first name and surname of each person you are booking for;
- b) your telephone number;
- c) the date of the Sunday service you wish to attend.

What happens next

Lynne, our part-time administrator, will contact you to confirm your booking on the first day she is in the office (Mon and Wed) following your booking request. If the service you are booking for is already full, you will be offered a place at the following week's service.

You can cancel your booking at any time simply by phoning or emailing the office.

Your Personal Details

The personal details you give us when you book will be used in two ways:

- To record your booking
- To comply with NHS Scotland's Trace and Trace System.

The Privacy Notice relating to the use of your personal data for NHS Scotland Track and Trace, and your rights therein, is available by contacting the Church Office.

**If you have any questions at all, please contact the Church Office on
01888560282**

The Scottish Government guidance and regulations that we are required to follow will change over time, usually at short notice. Any changes will be communicated in the weekly *Highlights* sheet and on our website.

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