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*"...they shall be known as Mighty Oaks of Righteousness,
planted by Jehovah as a living display of his glory." Isaiah 61:3*

Dear parishioner

Finally. We can invite you back to church. We will reopen both churches from 30th August and as you can imagine there are a number of rules we have to put in place in order that we comply with guidelines set down by the NI Executive and the Church of Ireland. PLEASE NOTE - we can seat a **MAXIMUM** of 64 people in Christ Church and 30 in St Andrews. You now have to let me know by the Friday before the Sunday service at the latest. You can contact me by either email or telephone. If you arrive at church without letting me know, you will not be admitted as you will be taking the seat of someone who has booked. A recorded service will be put on Facebook for those who cannot attend. Please follow these simple instructions.

- Do not come to church if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- Book ahead by Friday at the latest to make sure you have a seat. No booking, no seat.
- Facemasks must be worn at all times whilst inside Church with exceptions only for medical reasons. Bring your own mask with you and please dispose of that mask at home.
- Please do not stand and chat in the carpark either before or after the service. Proceed directly to the church when you arrive and directly to your car when you leave.
- Always maintain a 2 metre distance from any other person not from your household.
- Use the hand sanitisers provided as you come in located in the porch.
- A warden will direct you into a church aisle and a warden's assistant will direct you to your seat. There will be rows marked for seating. You will most likely not sit in your usual seat.
- Once seated do not get up and move around.
- We will not be singing during the service. It will be a slightly shorter service.
- In your pew there will be a service sheet with a section at the back to be completed with your details for Track & Trace purposes.
- At the end of the service please wait – a warden will tell one row at time when it is their turn to stand and leave.
- Please place your form in the assigned area. (you will be told where during the service) All forms will be held for 21 days and then destroyed in line with GDPR guidelines.
- Your free will offering can be placed in a box provided at the end of the service (again the box will be identified during the service)
- Please put anything of a disposable nature in the bins provided (eg tissues) and sanitise your hands as you exit the building.
- Anyone feeling sick during a service will be accompanied by a warden to an area outside the main body of the church to await medical attention if needed, and parishioners will leave the building as directed by the rector and the remaining wardens.

Thank you for your kindness and understanding of these circumstances. This is our new normality for a while. Please work with the wardens as they are there to help you stay safe. As our first Sunday back is 30th August please inform me of your intention to attend by Friday 28th August at the latest. There will only be one service in each church per Sunday until further notice.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Aaron McAlister.