



# St. Matthew's Church Perth

## e- Newsletter Extra.

26<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Church Services and Covid level 4 restrictions.

As many of you are aware Scotland moved into Covid Level 4 restrictions from Saturday 26th. For churches, including St. Matthew's, this means that Church Services are now restricted to a maximum of 20 persons. Kirk Session have, however, decided to continue as long as we are permitted with our service at 11am.

We are already oversubscribed for Sunday 27th, so, if you have NOT booked please do not come along on Sunday 27th

To explain, in practical terms, the 20 person allowance includes everyone who is present in the building. It includes the Minister, Organist, Reader, Beadle, AV, and Duty Team.(3)

The consequence of these figures means that when we have Sunday Service under level 4 restrictions there can only be space for 12 members of the general congregation.

How can we make this work? Presently we have approximately 42 members of the general congregation each week, which means that there is only space available for each person to attend 1 Sunday in 4. **However** we are aware that a number of members will choose to self-isolate during this level 4 period thus reducing the numbers wishing to attend. So, we would ask you to consider coming to church on 1 Sunday in 3.

From Monday 28th December the following booking arrangements will be put into effect:

12 places will be made available on Eventbrite. Apart from the Duty Team of 3, Beadle, A/V person and Reader all bookings will now be made through Eventbrite or, if you do not have computer access, Beverly has been asked to make bookings on your behalf. (Tel 01738 259961)

The easiest way to get into Eventbrite is directly through the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-worship-tickets-127686837769> OR if you do not use the internet Phone

Beverly, our Facilities and Outreach Manager, on 01738 259961 and leave a message with your phone number.

If you are having difficulty in getting a booking please ask Beverly to advise Tom.

Alternately if you go to the St. Matthew's website [www.perthstmatthews.org.uk](http://www.perthstmatthews.org.uk) there is a direct connection on the first page.

This is not an easy time for those of us working to keep the church open for worship. We would like to assure you that we are doing the best we can to look after St. Matthew's congregation and ask for your patience and cooperation.

Fiona Bruce, 26.12.20  
Tom Morrison.

