



Dear Met church family,

We wanted to provide an update on the matter of re-opening our facility for Sunday services, and to ask again for your prayers. In recent days we have been in regular contact with our local Councillor, Keith Egli, who also serves as Chair of the City's health board. We have asked that further regulations take into account our need to provide clear communication in our services (ideally with our speaker and service leader not having to wear a mask), and we have been grateful that Councillor Egli has responded helpfully to those concerns.

We understand the matter of mandatory facemasks is going to be enacted into a bylaw next week. At present, we have been given a hopeful indication that exemptions for leaders of religious services will be included within the bylaw. Assuming that this is the case, we feel we will have a workable plan for re-opening once the bylaw is enacted.

It is worth noting that we have been told very clearly that there can be no singing of any kind during in-person services, so any reopening plan will have to rely upon a mixture of pre-recorded music and live instrumental music. We are working through a plan to do our very best with music under these rather limiting circumstances.

We will provide a further update as soon as the new bylaw is published, and, assuming that there are no further changes to the law or government guidelines, we will hope to set out a date and procedure for our first in-person service in the coming days.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers as we move towards a safe reintegration.

With every blessing in Christ,

Jonathan Griffiths and Chris Shadbolt