



Dear Met church family,

We are continuing our preparation for our reintegration this Sunday, June 21st. We want to begin by saying that we are greatly looking forward to seeing you! We remain committed to a careful, safe, and orderly reopening in compliance with government-mandated protocols. We plan to operate our facility well below the government cap of 30% capacity (with online registration ahead of services, to manage numbers), and we will be introducing a number of other safety measures that we will share with you in some detail in a further letter later this week.

In the coming days, we will be providing the opportunity for you to pre-register for two live services, which will take place at 8:30am and 11:30am. The services will be offered in the sanctuary, with live feeds (and a live pastoral presence) in the chapel and in the gym. While we look forward to this opportunity to meet together on site, we are pleased to be able to continue to offer the services online.

As we prepare for Sunday, we want to emphasize one important point. While we are grateful to be able to meet in the building and to offer the opportunity to come together, we do not want any member of the church family to feel pressure to attend. This is an opportunity that will be appropriate for some, but, given the ongoing crisis, it is certainly not a requirement of any kind! We know that many will be nervous of meeting (not least because many within the church family will be in higher risk categories). We all need to acknowledge frankly that gathering together during the time of a pandemic does carry some unavoidable risk. We will seek to minimize that risk, but we cannot by any means eliminate it. As you consider and pray through your plans for Sunday, please know that we want you to feel completely free and at ease to do what you judge best at the present time. We will gladly continue to support you with online ministry should you choose to stay at home for the time being.

We would ask that you continue to pray for wisdom in planning and safety regarding reintegration.

With warm thanks and continued prayers,

Jonathan Griffiths and Chris Shadbolt