

To members and friends of Wexford Presbyterian Church



Hi everyone

I hope you are all continuing to keep well as restrictions begin to ease and life returns to a semblance of what it was before.

This Sunday 28th June I will not be posting content on Facebook. Instead, I encourage you to go to www.presbyterianireland.org or <https://vimeo.com/presbyterianireland> for a service led by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, David Bruce, and featuring members of our Dublin and Munster Presbytery.

Do you look forward to meeting again as a congregation in our church building? Perhaps this thought makes you a little nervous? We want to have a balanced outlook here. No one should feel pressured to come to church immediately; and for some of you it might be best to keep shielding.

At the same time, we cannot eliminate all risk. If you are in Christ, the gospel you believe doesn't promise you protection from all physical harm in this life. But it does deliver eternal life! So you are free to get on with your present life now, and that includes committing to one another locally, and gathering together for worship regularly (Hebrews 10 verse 25).

On June 29th Phase 3 of the government's "roadmap" kicks in, allowing for churches to reopen. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) has also issued guidelines to all its congregations.

So we are working to implement new protocols from our spiritual leaders (Hebrews 13 verse 17) and our governing authorities (Romans 13:1), and we hope to begin services again on Sunday 5th July in our buildings in Wexford (10:00 a.m.) and Enniscorthy (12 noon). Things will be a little different, and some of the changes are set out below. Please familiarize yourself with the new protocols.

We plan to continue to stream or upload the Sunday service to Facebook/ YouTube during the first few weeks, so those of you who are not in church can tune in at home. Details will be posted online here:

Church website - www.wexfordchurch.com

Church Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/wexfordpresbyterians/>

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Thank-you to those of you who have continued to give during the period of lockdown. I will give you more information soon about the difference your generous concern for the work and witness of the church has made.

I also want to thank those who are working to prepare for our return. There is still work to do, and some of us plan to meet in the church on the morning of Tuesday 30th to clean and prepare the building for next Sunday. If you are interested in coming to help, please contact me.

God bless all of you,

David 086 042 4472

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122
verse 1

Coming back to church

- Check your health. If you have symptoms do not attend. You should not feel pressure to come back to church immediately. Indeed not coming back if you might have symptoms is one way to love your neighbour.
- Bring a Bible! Church hymn books and Bibles will not be available.
- Masks are preferable. Wearing a mask could protect the people around you, especially if you are infected asymptotically; by doing so you would be putting the interests of others first.
- Enter and exit quickly. Aim to be in the church as close to 10:30 a.m. as possible, and leave promptly after the service. There will be opportunities to mingle safely outside afterwards.
- Sanitize! Use the hand sanitizer provided on entry and exit.
- Singing. Did you know the minister and anyone speaking is expected to keep four metres distance from the congregation? On the same principle, for the first weeks of return, our services will contain less hymns and songs for singing together. The emphasis will be on “softer” pieces and songs to listen to prayerfully.
- Keep giving. There will be no offering collected. Please leave your offering in the plate at the back of church as you arrive or leave. If you give electronically you might consider continuing to do this.
- Plan ahead. There will be limited access to toilets.
- Families sit together. Children are the responsibility of their parents/guardians. It is important that no one breaks the social distancing rules.

These procedures will change as new government and Assembly Buildings advice is issued.

