



June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Friends,

This last letter from the Cathedral during the lock down period contains two pieces of good news. First, we are delighted that **public worship will resume in July**. After the long weeks of the lockdown period, the 10.30am Sunday Eucharist will again be open to the public on and after Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that during July and August, there will be no 8.00am Holy Communion service on Sundays and Evening Prayer on Sundays will not be open to the public. On weekdays, the 8.00am Morning Prayer and the Eucharist will be open to the public from Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Streaming the Sunday service will also continue – please check the website for details.

As you will expect, we have given very careful thought about what we need to do to **make the Cathedral as safe as possible when it re-opens**. The second side of this letter sets out these arrangements in detail. Please do not be dismayed by the long list! Many of the things we have noted here are, I believe, common sense and very much in line with the steps we had already introduced back in March before the lockdown period began. We look forward to welcoming all those who are able to return to worship with us.

The second piece of good news is to say that **building work to refurbish and extend the Fraternity reached 'Practical Completion' on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup>**. We are thrilled with what has been achieved and hope that you will be too. The quality of the design, the materials used and every detail shine through in a building which the Chapter believes will serve the Cathedral, the City and the County well for years to come. **The new café will be opening on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>** and will be open from Wednesdays to Sundays each week. Come and visit as soon as you can!

With the assurance of our prayers and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Boyling

Dean of Carlisle

# CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

## Public Worship on Sundays from July 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

After a careful risk assessment, procedures have been introduced for everyone to follow at public worship in the Cathedral as the Covid-19 restrictions are eased. All arrangements listed here have been designed to limit any risk of infection. **Your cooperation is vital to make sure that public worship can continue safely.**

### BEFORE THE SERVICE

Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms is asked not to enter the Cathedral building.  
Everyone is to use the hand gel provided as they enter and leave the building.  
Everyone should observe the required social distancing while in the Cathedral.  
Everyone should follow the instructions of the Cathedral sidespersons. The sidespersons have been briefed to act to ensure everyone is as safe as possible.  
No collection will be taken during the service. Please place your offering in one of the baskets provided. Use of 'contactless giving' available in the crossing is recommended.  
Please pick up your own copy of the service paper.  
Only the seats marked with a green paper are to be used.  
No Busy bags or children's play things are available for use at the moment.

### DURING THE SERVICE

Continue to observe the required social distancing throughout the service.  
In July and August, we are asked **not to sing the hymns out loud**. When possible, a recording will be used and all will be able to follow the words on the service papers. The suggestion is that we sit for the hymns and use their words to provide a reflective moment in the service.  
You are asked not to use a handshake at the exchange of the Peace.  
No collection will be taken during the service. Use of 'contactless giving' available in the crossing is recommended.  
Holy Communion will be administered in one kind only – the bread.  
You are asked to move to receive communion standing at the sanctuary step.  
Please approach the sanctuary, in spaced single file, via the North (left hand) side of the centre aisle and return to your seat via the South (right hand) side of the centre aisle.

### ON LEAVING

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in one of the baskets provided in the crossing as you leave or use the recommended contactless giving machines.  
At the end of the service, please take the service sheet away or place it in the bin provided.  
Hand gel is provided for use as people leave.

**On Weekdays** from July 8<sup>th</sup>, Morning Prayer and the Eucharist at 8.00am will be open to the public on Mondays to Saturdays. The relevant procedures listed above will also apply to weekday services.