

## **St Thomas' Church, Edinburgh – Open for Prayer & Reflection**

**From week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September, we will not open the church at set times for prayer and reflection.** Instead, if you would like to visit, please contact Jane or Rosemary in the office and they will arrange a suitable time for you to do so on a weekday morning.

Though we can pray anywhere of course, we are delighted to open our building for this purpose and offer a warm welcome to all who wish to visit.

### **What to expect in the building**

The church will be laid out with 14 chairs, some set as singles and others as doubles so that couples can sit together. Each chair, or pair of chairs, will be at least 4 meters from any other. This allows everyone to keep appropriate social distancing. If a family chooses to use the space, a staff member will arrange a suitable number of chairs. You are free to sit wherever you choose, but if the church is empty, please consider using the ones at the front as this makes it easier for others who arrive. The chair used by you will be replaced with another once you leave and set aside for 72 hours.

The disabled toilet in the hall will be available for use. The other toilets are closed in order to restrict how much cleaning has to be done.

We ask that, if possible, you leave via the door from the sanctuary into the organ loft and from there into the front garden.

We will be following strict guidelines to ensure the safety both of those who visit and of our staff.

### **What you will need to do**

Please try to follow on your visit:

1. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell), stay at home and get a test.
2. Maintain social distancing of 2m at all times.
3. Please wear a mask (unless you are exempt from this for health reasons). We have disposable masks available.
4. Thoroughly clean your hands upon arrival with the sanitiser provided.
5. All doors will be open, so please avoid touching handles if possible.
6. Our church staff may be meeting several different people each day. Please help us keep them safe and protected by maintaining your social distance and minimising any unnecessary contact with them.
7. Follow the signs and any directions of staff.