

St Magnus Church Lerwick



Wednesday October 7th 2020

To my fellow members in the Body of Christ at St Magnus' church,

Last March seems an age away now and we have now reached October. The Vestry had met some weeks ago now and planned to reopen the church for a Eucharist on September 27th.

A lot of things had to be put into place for this to be enabled, plans had to be presented to Bishop Anne, various tasks had to be completed in the church itself, and the church surfaces had to be cleaned and made "COVID secure". Everything was set into place.

In the week before the 27th however new restrictions were put into place and we felt that although those restrictions did not include churches, it might feel insensitive to members of our community if St Magnus had re opened that weekend. Therefore, we postponed.

The Vestry have met again and decided that **October 11th** is to be the date of re-opening. Therefore, this coming Sunday will be the moment many have been looking toward and hoping for.

The Eucharist will be celebrated together at the usual 10.45am time this coming Sunday. We are limited, as has been pointed out before, to how many we can accommodate, though we expect that those who want and will be able to come will be able to fit in. (We have seating for around 22 people depending on family groups and individual being at a safe social distance.) I enclose again the leaflet previously distributed to help you realise what to expect.

Please be patient as we all seek to learn how it will all work, and it may well be that we introduce a "booking system" should demand this coming Sunday be more than we have been led to expect. Things WILL be different, but we will learn and grow together.

If you need any other information PLEASE let me know. I am available through e mail and phone, and Messages can be passed on. My e mail address is revnab@btinternet.com my phone number is 07713259262 or 01950 460357. Please do not sit and wait in silence!

Prayers and Blessings on you all, and may you find light and peace in this time of challenge and uncertainty.

Your Rector and Priest

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