

# ROSYTH METHODIST CHURCH



15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings to you all.

I write this note to update you with what is happening regarding Sunday Worship at Rosyth Methodist Church.

Unfortunately, due to the challenges presented to us in making the Quarterly Plan, it is not possible to continue with the fortnightly on-line Zoom service. However, other churches in the Circuit including the City of Edinburgh Methodist, Grahamston United, Stirling Methodist and Livingston United Churches are broadcasting their services on Zoom and/or YouTube. If you go to the Forth Valley Circuit Website <https://forthvalleycircuit.org.uk/> you will find links to these services.

In-person worship at Rosyth has been happening since the last lockdown with Rosyth Methodist and St Margaret's SEC meeting on alternating Sundays. This has worked well.

It is now felt, beginning on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, that we can recommence weekly worship. For October this will mean that St Margaret's will meet at 9:30am, and Rosyth Methodist (to give a little more time for post worship cleaning in between services) will meet at 11:15am.

Even though we are at a level described as 'Beyond Level 0' in Scotland, we are encouraged to keep to the Covid protocols of hand sanitizing, wearing of facemasks, trace and protect, and 1 metre social distancing. At this point, refreshments will not be served following worship.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> (Fourth) Sunday of every month, beginning on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021, we will resume the practice of worshipping together in a joint service with St Margaret's at 10:30am. Future joint services for the remainder of 2021 will take place on: 24<sup>th</sup> October; 28<sup>th</sup> November; 26<sup>th</sup> December.

To summarize:

**From 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Methodist Worship on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at 11:15am.**

**From 26<sup>th</sup> September, Joint Worship on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:30am.**

I am indeed grateful to the Covid Committee at Rosyth, who have been meeting regularly to review the latest regulations and implement necessary practices for our life together. I am indeed thankful for the spirit of grace, understanding and cooperation that has been evident in these meetings, as well as the commitment of those attending.

We continue to hold each other in prayer.

Take care and stay safe.

God bless,

*Eddie*

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