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Letter to the Congregation...

We hope that you are keeping well and have endured the lockdown.

It has been difficult for each of us not to meet together as we are accustomed to doing each week. We are thankful that we can continue to meet in different ways through modern technology, letters and phone calls. It is encouraging that, though the church building was closed, the church has continued to meet online and through zoom.

As lockdown begins to be lifted, the Northern Ireland Executive has announced that Churches can begin to open from early July. PCI has outlined in 2 documents to the churches the processes that must be followed in order for us to open once more. We are waiting on further guidance to be released in the coming weeks from both the Executive and PCI.

The elders met this week to begin making plans for our return to worship in the church building. We can not immediately return to the way things were and it will take time to plan and prepare for our return. We are very conscious that some of our members are keen to return to worship soon, however there are others concerned about returning, while the risk remains and do not want to rush.

The Health & Safety Committee within our church has been tasked with looking at the various guidelines and what we need to do based on these different documents. They will continue to meet over the summer as new policies and guidelines are released and will report to session on 18<sup>th</sup> August upon which we hope to establish a date for recommencing our Sunday services.

We will keep the fellowship up to date with our plans and feel free to contact myself, the church office or any of the elders should you have any questions

We plan to continue our weekly Congregational Prayer Meetings over the summer each Tuesday night, with the exception of Tuesday 14 July and Tuesday 18 August. These will all be on Zoom as we have become accustomed to doing. The Meeting ID and passcode will remain the same as before. We would love to encourage you to join us in these meetings as we seek to have fellowship with each other and lift up the needs of our fellowship and form in prayer to our Heavenly Father.

Every blessing

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Rev Stephen Lockington

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AND MAKE DISCIPLES IN ANTRIM AND BEYOND**