



# St. Andrew's Langley

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Dear friends,

Some of you will have heard that Dr. Henry and the Provincial government have lifted all restrictions on worship services in churches. Bishop John has sent out a pastoral letter with his response to this, and he is being a bit more cautious than the government. This letter will be posted in the St Andrew's newsletter. Going forward, he is asking people to wear masks inside churches as much as possible, and to continue to wash your hands and social distance as well. However, **we are permitted to share communion with one another (though not yet the wine) and to sing in the service, and there is no need to phone ahead and register for church.**

At St Andrew's, we are going to take it slow. We will continue to follow the schedule that we posted on the website earlier this month. This means alternating the Sunday service between St Andrew's and St Dunstan's through July and August, though the 8am Eucharist service will happen every week at St Andrew's. We will continue with morning prayer at the 10am service through July and are considering switching to Eucharist in August. We will also re-start the Thursday Eucharist service in August. **Please check the posted schedule for dates times and locations.**

We are also permitted to re-start social gatherings after the service. For the time being, we will hold off on making coffee and tea and providing goodies in the church, mostly because we will have to re-engage our volunteers and create a schedule etc. If you would like to gather after the service, please bring your own coffee and goodies... for now. **We will re-start our after-service gatherings with goodies in September.**

Thanks to you all for your patience and understanding as we begin to meet together in-person in the church. Please know that we are continuing to Zoom the 10am service, so if you prefer to stay at home and attend church in that way you are able. If you have any questions or concerns please phone me at 778-999-9153 or Joanie at the office, Tuesday-Thursday 9am-1pm.

These times are very exciting for some, and nerve-racking for others. I pray that we will all leave space in our hearts for those whose approach to the coming months might be different than our own. Know that you are all in my prayers as we move through this together. It is a great honour to serve as your Vicar.

Love from,

Andrew