Dear Friends

As the UK and Scottish Governments begin to relax the restrictions imposed as part of the effort to contain the Coronavirus outbreak, we are considering how we might be able to reopen our churches for worship and what form such worship will take, given that we will still be facing restrictions, such as social distancing, for some time to come.

As part of the decision-making process, we are seeking the views of the members of our congregation on a number of topics relating to worship in the present circumstances. We have set out, below, some questions and would greatly appreciate your opinions.

**Please answer as many of the questions as you feel apply to you and** **return the questionnaire to Elaine Melrose by post (Schiehallion, Fearnan, PH15 2PF) or by e-mail (**[**elainebmelrose@btinternet.com**](mailto:elainebmelrose@btinternet.com)**) by Friday 17 July 2020.**

1. We want to include as many people as possible in our resumed worship, but recognise that there may be some people, in what have been described as vulnerable groups, and the ‘over 70s’, who may be reluctant to attend a larger gathering of people until the virus crisis is fully over.

How would you feel about attending a service of worship with a gathering of other people in a church building? (please tick the one best suited to you)

1. I will be happy to attend
2. I have reservations about attending but would like to try
3. I would choose not to attend

2. What have you missed most about church life since our gatherings for services and activities were suspended?

3. Over the last months, we have been producing on-line services in conjunction with the other churches in the Upper Tay area. How often have you joined these services:

1. every Sunday
2. occasionally
3. never.

4. If you have joined, which would best describe your experience (tick as many as apply):

1. I felt I was part of a worshipping community, even though we weren’t together in person
2. I felt I was a viewer, as of a TV programme
3. I find the technology gets in the way of worship
4. I enjoyed being able to watch where and when I wanted
5. I find it easier to concentrate
6. I find I get distracted more easily by being at home.

5. Can you describe any aspects of on-line services you particularly like and don’t like?

6. What aspects of church life and worship would you most look forward to resuming once we are allowed to meet together again?

7. We have been unable to meet in our church buildings over these last months, giving us time to think of the place of a physical dedicated building as the focus, the ‘sacred place’, for our worship.

How important to you is having a physical, dedicated building for worship?

1. Unimportant
2. Important
3. Very important

8. Is there anything else you would like to say or suggest in relation to how church will be in the future?

9. If you wish to discuss these questions further, please add your name and phone number or email.

Thank you for your help.

Robert Nicol (Interim Moderator) Alex Towns (Session Clerk)