

Dear Members of the Regional Ministry,

If all remains stable with the Covid 19 pandemic within Quebec the majority of our parishes plan to re-open in September on the normal schedule: St George, Ayer's Cliff; St Paul, Bury; St Stephen, Coaticook; St Peter, Cookshire; St Augustine, Danville; St George, Drummondville; St Matthias, Fitch Bay; St George, Georgeville; Holy Trinity, Kirkdale; Church of the Advent, Sherbrooke. We expect to resume care facility worship services in September as well.

The parish of St George, Lennoxville will re-open for weekly in-person worship beginning on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. The parish of St Anne, Richmond will also be open during the month of August according to its normal schedule. St Barnabas, North Hatley continues to be open for in-person worship week by week at 9:00am.

In order to gather as safely as possible, please familiarize yourself with the following Government of Quebec protocols, which apply to all churches in a COVID-19 Green Zone until the end of August:

- With social distancing, the capacity for attendance at St George, Lennoxville is **40 people**.
- As you enter the church, please **sanitize your hands** and provide your name and phone number for **contact tracing**.
- **Masks** must be worn, but may be removed once you are seated. They must be worn for singing.
- Members of different households must maintain **a distance of 2 m**. Although this distance has been reduced to 1 m in most circumstances, when there is singing involved it increases to 2 m again.
- The floor is marked to indicate the flow of foot traffic. Pews are also marked to indicate **socially-distanced seating**.
- During August, the liturgy at St George, Lennoxville and St Barnabas, North Hatley will be Morning Prayer from the Book of Alternative Services. Each person is to use only their own hand-out, which must be taken home after the service.
- **Offering** may be placed in the designated plate near the entrance of the church.
- At the moment, there will be **no coffee hour or receiving line** after the service.
- Of course, please stay at home if you are feeling unwell or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.

We expect that many of these restrictions will be removed when we move out of the Green Zone in September and that worship will be something close to normal and we will return to the Eucharist.

We hope this re-opening is a sign of better times ahead, both for the Church and society at large. As ever, even if you are unable to attend in person, Fr Edward (819 679 9957 [esimonton@quebec.anglican.ca](mailto:esimonton@quebec.anglican.ca)) and Fr Giuseppe (819 570 3433; [ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca](mailto:ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca)) remain available for any pastoral needs you may have.

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