

Together again for worship

On the afternoon of Monday 15th March 2021, the leaders of the main churches in Northern Ireland met with the First and Deputy First Ministers. Both the Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland attended.

On Tuesday afternoon the PCI General Council Standing Committee met and received a report of the meeting with the Executive Ministers.

The PCI General Council Standing Committee, acting with the delegated authority of the General Council and General Assembly, therefore agreed that in-person gatherings for services of worship could resume in all PCI congregations in Northern Ireland from Friday 2nd April 2021 onwards. However, the decision as to the actual start date has been left to the individual Kirk Sessions to make a judgement on what is most appropriate in their local situation.

The Standing Commission of the Kirk Session of Second Presbyterian Church Comber met on Thursday evening, 18th March 2021 and agreed that there would be an in-person service of worship in the Meeting House on Easter Sunday morning, 4th April 2021 at 11.30am.

In parallel with this and, following PCI guidelines, there will be a separate Sunday morning ministry for the children **of those attending worship**.

People wishing to attend worship on Easter Sunday should register between Sunday evening 28th March at 6.00pm and Tuesday evening 30th March at 6.00pm following the procedures outlined in the initial Back to Church communication and copied below:

1. Send an email to: registration@secondcomber.co.uk
In the email, please include the names of all family members wishing to attend on Sunday morning specifying who will attend the worship service in the Meeting House and who will be attending the parallel Children's Ministry. This is important for planning purpose and to ensure compliance with all social distancing requirements. *Please include a contact telephone number.*
2. *If you do not have an email account* (and only if you do not) you may register by phoning the Congregational Secretary, *Heather Laird*, on 028 9187 3861 (*There is an answerphone where you can leave a message if there is no reply*)

On Sunday 11th April 2021 there will be an in-person Family Service at 11.30am but no separate Children's Ministry in parallel.

The Standing Commission will meet again on 15th April 2021 to review the way forward following the next update from the NI Executive.