

Epiphany-tide Pastoral Letter from Bishop Kevin

Our church buildings are to be closed again, out of love for the nation and each other.

Epiphany continues.



From Bishop Kevin: "As you will have heard this afternoon, the First Minister has announced that all places of worship must be closed from Friday.

"This is a painful decision, but a sensible decision. We all have our part to play in ensuring that we mix with each other physically as little as possible.

"May I wish you all the joy of the Magi as they visited the Christ-child before setting off on a different route home. Our route through Epiphany-tide this year is going to be different, and we pray for each other as we listen for the promptings of the Spirit in leading our people on their journey of faith into Spring 2021."

We do not know how long these restrictions will last, and it is vital that you keep yourselves up to date by following the SEC Provincial Guidance (<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>) and Government Guidance (<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>).

Provincial Worship will continue online, and you can signpost people to the streamed Sunday Eucharist and Children's Chapel worship on the Provincial Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/scottishepiscopalchurch/>) and YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtv9H_4N4c3JKM57zOj7GXw).

The Provincial website also lists communities offering online services

(<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/online-worship-from-around-the-scottish-episcopal-church/>).

More guidance from the Provincial Advisory Group will follow. The Diocesan staff continues to work from home, please contact us with your enquiries.