

St Marylebone to open again for public worship on 5th July 2020



Following the announcement by Her Majesty's Government that Church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, providing physical distancing remains in place, St Marylebone will be among the first to open on Sunday 5th July. Being able to worship together is a cause for huge thanksgiving, but worship will not be able to return as it was before lockdown.

For the first time in more than 800 years the parish church has been unable to gather people together in public worship, the Sacraments have not been celebrated publicly and our fellowship in the Gospel has been severely impaired.

Opening on Sunday 5th July (with restrictions to limit the spread of the virus to protect each other, especially the most vulnerable in place) will be the first step returning to recognisable pattern of public worship.

Online services and Young Church will continue in much the same way as they have been happening since lockdown began.

St Marylebone will do all that it can to help in the huge task ahead to bring consolation and hope to many who have lost so much through past months.

A new pattern of services will be offered and more details will follow.

Weddings will be able to resume, along with other services. Updated advice for couples will be published soon, as will advice for those who wish to be baptised and/or confirmed.

The Church of England Recovery Group will also be issuing issue advice on subjects including singing and music for which a review by Public Health England is currently in progress.

Along with Fr Jack, Mthr Katy, the Crown Warden and Churchwardens I look forward to welcoming you back.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle.

Fr Stephen Evans, Rector of St Marylebone

