



Jersey Methodist Circuit

STATES ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP TO RE-OPEN

Important Notice from the Superintendent

As was publicly announced on 1 June by the Jersey States, places of worship will be allowed to open as of 12 June. As this may be true, it is far from clear as to what obligations and responsibilities for the trustees of these worship spaces are obligated to maintain and to remain safe for worshipers and users of such premises. Conversations are in process with the Jersey States' minister and the Island's deans and myself to try and have a clear understanding of what this means. Notwithstanding also that we are a connexional church, and when we are ready to proceed, to seek permission from the Secretary of Conference having followed their guidelines and policies in addition to Jersey's government.

Regarding the churches' Annual General Meeting/General Church Meetings (AGM or GCM) that would normally occur in these coming weeks, my recommendation is that the business be deferred to the Autumn meetings, with the proviso that all current office holders are willing to continue until such time of these meetings. The main business of the AGM/GCM is the conversation around the work of God in your place with a summary report of the local church finances etc and the election of your Church Stewards.

Be assured, there will be published shortly, a **policy document of what is required for a phased return** to opening of our worship areas. Until then, be patient, continue to pray for the Circuit, its online or printed forms of weekly services and I pray you will continue to be sensible and remain safe.

Blessings, Danny

3 June 2020