

# Scottish Government 'Phase 3' Lockdown Easing

As announced 9 & 14 July 2020:

10 July: New meeting guidelines:

Indoors: 3 households, 8 people

Outdoors: 5 households, 15 people

Meet 4 other households each day.

15 July: Places of worship can open for

communal worship services with limited numbers based on distancing (up to 50 max) and hygiene safeguards.

15 July: Weddings and Funerals can take

place indoors with attendance increased to 20 people.

For **Scottish Episcopal Churches** this can mean starting to gather for worship:

**10/7**: pastoral visiting in people's houses can re-start with distancing/hygiene.

**15/7**: churches can (but do not HAVE TO) re-open for distanced communal worship (no singing, max 50) and weddings & funerals (max 20).

Vestry, meetings, social events etc.: only if they can follow Govt meeting guidelines:  
Indoors: 3 houses, 8 people  
Outdoors: 5 houses, 15 people

Other Phase 3 Govt permitted users of premises (e.g. childcare) can restart activities with limits & agreement on cleaning.

All proposals to re-open church buildings and start services are a clergy/vestry decision.

**The** church's plans **MUST** be approved by the bishop.

The full SEC guidelines and a form for submitting plans are here (click below):

[GUIDANCE FOR PHASE 3 OF LOCKDOWN EASING](#)

or contact the Bishop via the Diocesan Office for more details.