

Dear Clergy, Lay Readers, Vestry Secretaries and Diocesan Secretaries

The Advisory Group of the Scottish Episcopal Church met yesterday and considered the new Scottish Government requirement that non-domestic premises to which the public have access must calculate and display their Physical Distance Based Capacity (PDBC). This new requirement takes effect from Monday 17 May 2021.

The Government has now issued its guidance on PDBC and the Advisory Group has produced specific guidance to help our churches apply the Government rules on this subject and it is available at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidance-on-Physical-Distance-Based-Capacity-07.05.21.pdf> (That guidance includes a link to the relevant Government guidance.)

The Advisory Group has also produced a revised set of Frequently Asked Questions to address a range of issues arising in the current stage of lockdown easing. It is available at : <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Version-7-07.05.21-2.pdf>

Since the beginning of 2021, the Group has provided revised guidance for the Scottish Episcopal Church by way of regular email updates, rather than producing successive revised editions of its main guidance document. It has taken the view that it is more helpful, in a context when things are in a permanent state of flux, for churches to have email updates giving pin-pointed guidance on specific points. The Group is, however, now considering revision to its previous main guidance document and will issue a further communication by email later this month when such a revision is complete.

Kind regards

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