

Dear Clergy, Lay Readers, Vestry Secretaries and Diocesan Secretaries

In last week's email update from the Advisory Group we indicated that revision was underway in relation to the Bishops' Pastoral Guidance. That guidance has now been revised and is available on the provincial website at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/revised-pastoral-guidelines-version-6-4-6-21/>. The introduction to that guidance, and its Annex A have been substantially rewritten. Other smaller changes of substance are highlighted in red in the document.

A reminder that congregational singing, subject to the wearing of face masks and social distancing, has been permitted in levels 0 and 1 from 31 May. It had been expected that most of Scotland would shortly be moving into level 1. However, the Government announced earlier this week that, whilst some areas will indeed move to level 1 on 5 June, others would remain in level 2 for the time being. Some islands will move to level 0 on 5 June. You can check level in which your own area is placed and the date of the forthcoming moves at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/>

Kind regards

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