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**To members of and regular worshippers at Maghull Methodist Church** (by email or post to each household)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

I am writing to you again because we had our Church Council on Tuesday evening (20 October) and a meeting of the COVID-19 Group on Wednesday; I would like to update you on the decisions made about opening the church building for uses beyond the foodbank.

First, however, thank you to everyone who let us know about worship: 22 of you hope to attend worship in church and 31 of you are not yet ready to do so or are waiting for a very significant drop in the prevalence of the virus. It will take a little longer to analyse the responses to the other questions and decide how to respond.

Turning to the decisions of the Church Council, it approved the legally required risk assessments and action plans, adding just one point of clarification about face coverings. It appointed Janet and Dave Ecott to be both the responsible persons for COVID-19 related health, safety and safeguarding matters (a role which relates to the church's use of the building) and the church leads for health, safety, and safeguarding matters in relation to third party user groups; we are very grateful to Janet and Dave for taking on this role. The Council appointed a number of COVID-19 stewards and delegated day-to-day responsibility for the on-going monitoring and management of the COVID-19 aspects of the use of the building to the COVID-19 Group.

The Council also agreed that, when we start to worship again in the building it would usually be on a fortnightly basis and usually include a celebration of Holy Communion each month.

We do not yet know when the COVID-19 Group will decide to re-open the building for public worship. In response to the Liverpool City Region being placed in Tier 3 of the new COVID alert levels, the Superintendents in the Liverpool District have strongly recommended that churches should not be open for worship. The COVID-19 Group has accepted that recommendation and will review our situation as the government reviews the Region's situation.

Subject to government restrictions and other requirements (including sharing their own risk assessment with us), third party user groups may recommence their activities but not necessarily at the same time as before due to cleaning constraints.

The COVID-19 Group will continue to keep you informed of developments as and when the situation changes. Meanwhile, once again, I am going to take this opportunity to let you know about some other matters.

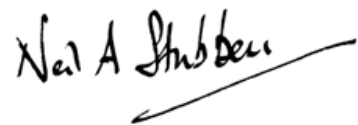
First, Ken Nayler is hosting another coffee morning, using Zoom. It is on Saturday, 31 October from 10:30 to 12 noon. The Meeting ID is 835 4530 6767 and the Passcode is 791842. This can be accessed via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83545306767?pwd=eExtZi9MQWFMRGJoR3VYRXBTtTIyZz09> or by phone on 0203 481 5240. Please contact Ken if you would like further details (01695 421232, 07837 540188, or [ken@nayler.net](mailto:ken@nayler.net)).

Secondly, we will be holding an Advent Study Group with our friends of St George's United Reformed Church. The meetings will be on the Wednesday mornings before each of the Sundays of Advent: ie, 25 November and 2, 9, and 16 December; they will begin at 10:30 for an hour or so and finish no later than 12 noon. Again, we will be using Zoom so that people can join in on the phone as well as via the internet. We will send further

details nearer the time. If you wish to share in this, please let Bernard Turner know as soon as possible (07913 909137 or [admlivnc@gmail.com](mailto:admlivnc@gmail.com)) so we know how many intend to join us.

I continue to hold you all in my prayers.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil A Stubbens". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long, sweeping stroke that extends to the right and then curves back down to the left.

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