NOTE FROM BILL EDGAR, CLERK

I have considered the situation with Elders and Overseers and it is our aim to return to blended Meeting for Worship from 4th April. That is to say we will continue to hold meeting by Zoom and to welcome in-person attendance in the Meeting House on Sundays. Our mid-week Meeting for Worship will continue to be held by Zoom on Thursdays from 11:15 to 11:45.

This is, of course, subject to the recommendations and actions outlined in the (updated and amended) Risk Assessment and Scottish Government Guidance on the safe use for places of worship. This importantly still requires a 2 metre social distancing guideline, so our maximum capacity will be 15.

WHEN TO COME TO MEETING?

You need to consider your own circumstances - for example, your own of household members’ vulnerability - in deciding when it right to come to Meeting.

DO NOT COME TO MEETING IF:

- You have had a cough
- You have had a fever
- You have lost sense of taste or smell
- Someone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT MEETING?

- The Doorkeeper will ask you to sign in (please bring your own pen)
- You will be asked to confirm you have not experienced Covid-19 symptoms
- You will need to keep social distance if there is a queue
- You will be asked to use the Sanitiser which will be available at the entrance
- Face masks will be available if you forget to bring a face covering
- Seats will be located at safe distance and should not be moved.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR MEETING?

- Plan to arrive between 10:50 and 10:55.
- Please avoid arriving after 11:00 if at all possible
- Come with your face covering which you will be required to use
- Bring your own copy of Quaker Faith and Practice / Bible / Advices and Queries if you wish since these will not be available in the Meeting Room
- Bring a water bottle or flask if you need since there will be no refreshments available.

WHO WILL BE AT MEETING?

- The capacity of the Meeting Room, using 2 metre social distancing, is 15 people
- If more than this number arrive some people will be asked to go up to the Mezzanine floor.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

- The basement rooms and lift will not be in use
• The disabled toilet on the ground floor will be available for all: use the sanitiser to clean your hands before and after entering, dispose of any waste in the bin provided, and wipe down surfaces touched before leaving

WHAT TO DO AFTER MEETING?

• Do not mingle or linger, stay seated if you wish to speak to others
• Do not leave money - make donations online or ask an Elder / Clerk how to do it
• Leave by the main door but keep social distance when doing so.