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Dear friends,

The diocese has given us permission to consider re-opening our parish church building for services. Your wardens, parish council and clergy have been working diligently to determine how we might do that as safely as possible. The diocese has set out some of the criteria we need to meet, and each parish has been directed to consider its specific architecture, demographics, and so forth in order to add further safeguards.

At St. Andrew's, we have decided to undertake a *trial* re-opening of two Sundays:

- Outdoors at 10 am on Sunday, August 2, 2020; and
- Indoors at 10 am on Sunday, August 16, 2020

A description of the "Trial Reopening Proposal" is attached. It describes what the services will look like and some of the details about how the services will be conducted. For more details, you can look at the parish Safety Plan which is posted on our website, and a hard copy of which can be obtained from the church office.

Some of our congregation will feel safe and healthy enough to want to attend in person; some will not. If you choose not to come to in-person services, you can still join in worship with St. Andrew's congregation by watching the on-line service. As we were told in Ecclesiastes, there is a season for everything under the sun. Do what you feel is right and know that either choice is appropriate.

So, if you feel you are able to attend and would like to do so, look at the attached "Sign-up Protocol" and let us know of your interest by email or telephone. And if you have questions about this trial re-opening, feel free to contact me or the church office and we'll try to answer your questions.

Many blessings, my friends.

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