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ALL NATIONS CENTRE – Church Reopening – Presbytery Statement

With over 70% of the adult population vaccinated against COVID-19 in the UK, we are starting to see a relaxation of measures. We are therefore thrilled to announce that we will resume in-person Sunday worship services from **19 September 2021, 10-11.15am**.

We take comfort and inspiration from the example of the earliest believers, who “spent much time together in the temple” and “broke bread at home ... with glad and generous hearts” (Acts 2:46).

We understand that it may not be possible for the members of our congregation to be “all together in one place” just yet. While many will attend the worship services in-person, we know that some will need or want to continue to worship at home for some time. **Our worship services will therefore be streamed live via Youtube and other social media.**

It is important to keep in mind that the pandemic is not over and that we must remain vigilant. Therefore, as we return to in-person worship services, we must proceed with caution.

Please note the following COVID safety measures:

- **Register** your intention to attend (on Eventbrite) by using the link provided on our website
- **Sign in** when entering the Church’s premises. Please co-operate with the personnel at the door.
- **Continue with and promote COVID-safe behaviours.** These include **hand washing, sanitizing, wearing masks** and **social distancing**. Please do what you can to keep yourself and others safe. Masks and sanitizers will be available. We’re also encouraging vaccinations.
- **Isolate yourself at home** if you feel under the weather or if you’ve been in recent close contact with someone who has COVID. Please be your brother or sister’s keeper. Do not enter the church’s premises if you fall into this category.
- **The Kitchen** should not be used for cooking or the preparation of meals, for informal meetings or discussions. Kitchen capacity is a maximum of 3 people in the space at any one time.

As our congregation begin to resume in-person worship services, please know that we will do so with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, in the spirit of constant prayer, and trusting in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We may make mistakes along the way. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. But there will also be blessings. There will be wonderful surprises and great celebrations, as we get to see glimpses of the new thing God is doing, even now as we pursue adventures in God.

Let us be faithful, then—to God and to one another—as we work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and world. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Holy Spirit, and open to the grace of God.

We urge you not to try to force your views or opinions on anyone and you will no doubt do your very best to display Christ in all you do and say to others.

Finally, we are also aware of the problems presented by the Congestion Charge, and it may be this is a heavy and challenging cost for the time being. We have not yet identified a feasible solution from the few that have been considered thus far. Until the charge is lifted in early 2022, please endeavour to find ways to attend or continue worshipping with us online. If you are eligible for a blue badge, please apply for one (even if you don't own a vehicle or drive), as this will mean you will be exempt from the congestion charge,

If you have any queries, contact the church office on 020-7820-9917 or speak to one of our Pastors.

God's richest blessings
Apostle Abraham Sackey
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