Dear members of Rossendale Methodist Circuit and friends,

We’re delighted to announce the reopening of Central Methodist Church and Longholme Methodist Church on August 23rd at 10:30am. I need to let you know what to expect if you decide you would like to attend worship in church again. However, please do not feel under any pressure to attend if you feel it is still unsafe for you to do so. I will continue to send out printed acts of worship as I have in previous weeks, and I will still be recording a service which will be based on the service I lead in church.

Worship will be 30 - 45 minutes. Even though it will not include singing it will still be a time when we can praise God together and thank Him for His faithfulness which has sustained us over the past difficult months. Happily, there will still be music to uplift us!

We have followed the published guidance of both the Methodist Church and the Government to respond to the current known risks associated with the virus. On arrival at church it is important that you please follow the stewards’ directions. Please keep 2 metres apart, a mask is mandatory *(available if you need one)* unless you are exempt, and you must use the hand gel provided. Gloves will also be available. Toilets are available but will need to be cleaned by you after use. Wipes will be provided.

The steward in the foyer will show you where to place your attendance slip. It will be very helpful if you bring this with you. (see below).

Once in church please follow the steward’s guidance and sit only with members of your own household.

Before the service begins, directions will be issued by the person leading worship as to the form of worship, what to do in an emergency, and how to exit the building.

After the service you are encouraged not to stay outside chatting.

If you become ill during the week after the service and/or you are diagnosed with the Covid virus, please contact Karen or Rodney or Rev. David Burrow (01706 602882) immediately as others will have to be informed that they need to self-isolate in order to reduce infection

Thank you for your cooperation, which will help keep us all safe, during these difficult times.

*Reverend David Burrow*

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**Attendance slip:** please complete and bring this with you to the first service you attend. The Attendance slip will be used to fill in a register of who is in church to enable us to contact you should anyone later fall ill. If you attend Central one week and Longholme at a future date (or vice versa) please complete an attendance slip for both venues.

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| Your full name Email *(if applicable)* |  |
| Church you usually attend for worship  |  |
| Your contact telephone number Email *(if applicable)* |  |
| Name of an emergency contact with telephone number and email *(if applicable)* |  |

*Your information will be kept securely and will and not shared.*