



Sunday the 12th of September is our 'Back to Church' Sunday... We're lifting the majority of the restrictions we've been under for the last few months and we're happy that we can once again safely meet together as a whole family. So, from next Sunday, there is no need to 'book a seat' - you can just turn up and we're looking forward to seeing the Church full of life again.

We're only doing one service on a Sunday and if we want to welcome everyone back, we can't do that with a seating plan! We're still encouraging you to be careful, you can wear a face mask if you feel it's appropriate and even socially distance yourself! We would ask everyone to humbly respect one-another's choices as well as being patient with each other in an effort to ensure everyone feels comfortable and as safe as possible.

We also very happy to announce the return of the ARK from the 12th of September...but we would appreciate it if you could register your children in advance, by contacting Craig Scott, our Family Ministry Leader or the Church Office. It'll help us organise the 'Welcome Back Party' if we know how many children are coming.

Sundays services are not the only thing that's starting again. We're restarting many of our weekly activities albeit on a smaller scale for the first few months until we see how things settle down.

Coffee Drop

is starting on **Thursday the 9th of September** at the 'usual' time of 10 am til 12. Why not pop in for a coffee and a chat!

Cameo

is returning on **Tuesday the 14th** but in a 'Coffee Morning' format from 9.30am to 12. There will still be a warm welcome and activities to enjoy during the morning.

Toddlers

is opening the doors on **Wednesday the 15th at 9.30am** but to a greatly reduced number of guests - we're starting small with only 70 families!

Future Plans

We've lots of other stuff in the pipeline, including a Member's Forum where we can update you on what's been happening over the last 18 months and let you know what we have planned for the future.

As you may already be aware there is a Men's Weekend at the end of September and it's not too late to join us. Have a word with Brian Calvert (07595253472) and he'll let you have all the details.

At the start of October we'll be joining the local community and celebrating Houghton Feast. We'll have a 'float' in the Saturday Parade and we'll be doing refreshments for the Fireworks on the Monday evening. We're still planning exactly what that will look like and we'll let you know the details as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing and worshipping with you, and feel excited about our mission to Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples!