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Known knowns

- Final decision on Step 4 to be made on 12 July
- Step 4 highlights likely to be implemented 19 July
- All legal restrictions to be removed
- No legal requirement to wear face coverings in church

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Known knowns

- No legal restrictions on gathering, mixing or mingling
- No restrictions on singing or communal worship
- Removal of legal restrictions is causing division
- Some venues/businesses will continue to require face coverings & social distancing, etc.

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Known unknowns

- Revised Government guidance for places of worship
- Revised guidance for 'safe singing'
- What health and safety responsibilities will mean for churches
- How insurance companies will treat any government guidance

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Unknown unknowns

- How members of our congregations will react to the new approach
- How individuals will view the meaning of 'personal responsibility'
- Whether new more dangerous variants of the virus will emerge
- Whether restrictions will be reimposed in the autumn

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How to prepare our churches ahead of 25th July

- Don't 'think it's all over' on 19 July
- Don't rush to decisions when key information is not available
- Recognise that it will take time for many people to return to normality with confidence
- Expect divisions and disagreements about the best way forwards

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How to prepare our churches ahead of 25th July

- Teach the difference between 'personal responsibility' and 'individualism'
- Navigate between the enthusiasm of the 'libertarians' and the veto of the 'fearful'
- Make reasonable accommodations that make for unity and allow as many as possible to gather together

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How to prepare our churches ahead of 25th July

- Shepherd the sheep gently
 - Regathering a scattered flock
 - Fearful
 - Stubborn
 - Wounded

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