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Psalm 125: Trust God because the rule of the wicked will end

- God's people are secure – unshakeable and surrounded (v1-2)
- The wicked will be removed – removed and banished (v3-5b)
- The upright will be blessed – good and peace (v5a)
- Pray for God to act!

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Roadmap Out of Lockdown for England – Implications for Churches



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Social Distancing and Singing

- No change guidance on corporate singing
- No change in social distancing (2m or 1m+ with other mitigations)
- Easiest date for ending social distancing is 21 June

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Indoor Corporate Worship

- At present no mixing/mingling outside household group at church
- From 17 May mixing/mingling permitted between 6 people from different households or 2 households
- From 21 June no legal restrictions on social mixing

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Outdoor Corporate Worship

- At present permitted in church car park, courtyard, garden but must not mix/mingle
- From 29 March permitted in church car park, courtyard, garden and can mix/mingle in groups of 6 or from 2 households
- From 17 May up to 30 can meet outdoors
- From 21 June no legal restrictions on social mixing

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Weddings

- At present only in 'exceptional circumstances' with maximum 6 attenders
- From 29 March weddings permitted in all circumstances but maximum 6 attenders
- From 12 April weddings and receptions with maximum 15 attenders
- From 17 May weddings and receptions with maximum 30 attenders
- From 21 June no legal restrictions on social gatherings

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Funerals

- At present funerals permitted with up to 30 attenders and wakes with up to 6
- From 12 March funerals permitted with up to 30 attenders and wakes up to 15
- From 17 May funerals permitted with up to 30 attenders and wakes up to 30
- From 21 June no legal limits on social gatherings

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Pastoral Care & Small Groups

- At present 'support groups' or 15, visit to provide 'care and assistance' to vulnerable, visit the dying, visit to provide help in emergency, exercise with one person outside household
- From 8 March meet one other person outside socially
- From 29 March meet 6 people from other households or from 2 households outside – including private gardens
- From 17 May meet up to 30 people outside
- From 17 May meet 6 people from other households or from 2 households indoors
- From 21 June no legal restrictions on social meetings

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Children & Youth Ministry

- At present no children and youth meetings (inc. Sunday school) unless is a permitted 'support group' or to provide care for children of key workers
- From 8 March education and training in 'out of school settings'
- From 29 March organised sport for adults and children permitted
- From 29 March outdoor parent and child groups permitted with up to 15 parents
- From 12 April all indoor children's activities permitted and indoor parent and child groups with up to 15 parents
- From 21 June no legal restrictions on social gatherings

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Roadmap for Scotland – Implications for Churches

- At present places of worship are closed by law
- Churches will open for communal worship in 'early April' (April 5)
- Weddings currently permitted for max 5 people
- Funerals currently permitted with maximum 20 people
- Move to levels system at end April

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Roadmap for Wales

- Churches currently open for public worship subject to social distancing
- Weddings and funerals with numbers limited by social distancing capacity of building

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