

The Church of England have issued a statement following the Government's announcements over the last couple of days.

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, said: "We note from the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy that churches could be open from July as part of the conditional and phased plan to begin lifting the lockdown. We look forward to the time when we are able to gather again in our church buildings.

"We are examining what steps we will need to take to do so safely and are actively planning ahead in preparation. We strongly support the Government's approach of continuing to suppress the transmission of the virus and accordingly, we recognise that at this time public worship cannot return in the interests of public health and safety."

As a team of local churches, we will await the Church of England's guidance and then work out how to implement them here.

In the meantime, we want to assure you that even when some of us can access the church for public worship, we won't forget about those who will still be unable to leave home. We will continue to hold you right at the heart of our plans. You will not be forgotten.

Much love

Revd Mary