

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."

## Notes to editors

More information and current guidance from the Church of England can be [found on our dedicated webpage](#).

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