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Dear friends in Christ,

I hope that you and your family are well and that you are able to meet your loved ones face to face after the Covid 19 restrictions had been eased.

At its meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, the Church Council approved the proposal from the Worship Committee that Shepparton Uniting Church return to face to face worship starting this coming Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

This return to face to face worship is a return to a 'new normal' in the way we meet.

The Church Council will put in place all that is required under Covid safe requirements from the DHS and the Vic/Tas Synod to make sure the safety of our members and those who may attend our Christmas services.

This includes electronic registering. It means that when you arrive for the services, you will find posters at the main entrance from the car park with a code. That code can be scanned onto your mobile phone. If you do not have a phone, or new to scanning with your mobile camera, don't panic as there will be a person at the main entrance with an iPad to sign you in and/or assist with your registration.

Because of the use of electronic registration, we would be able to accommodate more people in our services than previously allowed through signing the book. This allows us to welcome more than a hundred people into the church complex (including the narthex, the halls and the Sunday School room) for worship at a particular time.

This really is good news for us in the Shepparton Uniting Church.

Apart from the excitement of the Christmas season, I hope you are also excited in gathering face to face for the first time since the 'lock down'.

In fellowship

Loni.