Good morning everyone

Welcome back to the East church building.

It’s great to be here isn’t it?
We can’t sing today

We can’t have tea and coffee after the service

But even so I’m looking at so many smiling faces

At least that is how I choose to interpret your face coverings.

Lets just take a little time to look around and wave at each other since we can’t move or sing.

WAVE.

We are also not alone, the video of this service will go online this afternoon

So we should wave hello to others in our congregation. They can’t see you waving, but we know we are waving. Similarly, I’m sure they are waving back even though we can’t see them.

The East church at worship.

Today things look different, but our reason for being here is the same, isn’t it?

To praise God and remind ourselves how God wants us to treat each other by showing his care and respect to each other.

We remember, as always, that God loves us

Jesus died for us and so there is hope for the future.

Let us pray

Gracious, loving God

Our prayer today is a simple one.

Thank you for helping us reopen our building

And thank you through all the skills of scientists and engineers we are able to share in worship whether we are in the East church or at home.

We thank you for the skills of so many members and friends who have kept our worship going online over the past few months and we thank you too that during the time we have strengthened our links with our neighbouring church at Drumoak Durris.

So today God hear our praise

And our thankfulness for all you do for us

Through your beautiful saviour

Amen.