



## Coronavirus Update – March 18, 2020

Hi Church Family,

I want to thank you for your prayers, your care for one another and concern for the people within our church family and both local and global community.

As you are well aware from the news and most recent update from the Prime Minister and health advisor this morning, the coronavirus is continuing to spread at a rapid rate. As they have said the best way to slow this spread is through social distancing and minimizing non-essential gatherings. By doing so we should see a flattening in the growth curve of this pandemic, and we want to do everything we can do support our healthcare system.

### Our response

It is in light of [this](#), and with much prayer, consultation and consideration we have made the proactive decision to suspend physical Sunday gatherings for at least the next three weeks. We will be moving Church online and streaming it live. We will be reviewing this in the coming weeks and communicate accordingly.

This decision will also apply to any ministries that physically meet on site that run through the week unless advised otherwise. Online options are being explored for these. You will receive specific communication from your relevant ministry leaders with further details. Upcoming events will also be postponed. This includes the 'Get to know the Pastor' morning that was to be held this coming Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We choose to remain calm through this crazy time where the world is shaken up. I would encourage you to keep a 30,000 foot perspective on all that is happening and continue to look to and express faith in our Great God and King who is ruling on high. I see this as an opportunity for God to do something new amongst His people as we adapt to change, and find a new way of doing Church and community.

### What will this look like?

We will be hosting church online at 10am. You will receive further information about this and how to gain access later in the week as we consider what this will look like and we will work hard to make sure this is accessible for all.

You could engage in a number of different ways. You could worship at home by yourself, with your own family or even as a small group.

Through this time, we will be seeking to remain as connected as possible and are looking at ways to do this while still prioritizing health and safety and appropriate social distancing. If you are over 70 or if you have any underlying health conditions, or you are not feeling well then, we would encourage you to stay home and engage with the service in your own space.

If you or someone you know is feeling isolated, especially vulnerable, anxious or afraid during this time, we have a number of counsellors available through LifeWell. If you would like to make use of this service or know someone who would, please contact either the office on 8261 1844 or Jenni on 0403 848 835. We are committed to making sure that people are cared for and still connected during this time.

We still look forward to engaging with you online this Sunday, March 22 at 10am. Please keep an eye out for further communication via email, online and on Facebook as well as via text, as the week continues.

“See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and stream in the wasteland”  
**Isaiah 43:19**

Blessings

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