

To the saints who are in Ephesus the Yarra Valley, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Eph 1:1-2 ESV]

## **General Notices**

Our sermon series on Romans 8 is now finished and available on YouTube. If you missed a message or would like to return to any of them or share them with others, find them here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3Y1JSTDoIY&list=PLUbePQxS73tBUMb99addB8w6Q-zfHfTke>

An update from one of our Global Mission Partners – The Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia (ARDFA) – can be accessed here: <https://mailchi.mp/6984af938be4/ardfa-eofy2020?e=12cdf23bf9>

## **Return to Church Plan**

I am pleased to announce we are almost ready to resume physical Sunday gatherings. Gatherings of up to 20 will be permitted from 1<sup>st</sup> June, making this Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> May) our final online service. In consultation with Parish Council, we have decided to recommence physical gatherings on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, running 3 shortened weekly Sunday services at the following times:

- 8:30am at St John's in the hall (children, youth and family service)
- 9:45am at St Paul's
- 11am at St John's in the church

These services are open to everyone, including those not members of our church. However, in order to attend a service it is a requirement that you register (provide your name and phone number) so that numbers are recorded and tracing may be possible in the event of a covid incident. It is strongly encouraged that you register in advance your intention to attend a service as we are required to turn people away once capacity is reached. If members of St John's are able to attend the 9:45am St Paul's service to spread out numbers, this will greatly assist us. We would also like to prioritize young families with children and youth at the 8:30am St John's service which will be catered for their needs. Please contact the following people to register your attendance for a respective service:

- 8:30am St John's – Robert Colombo: 0409 395 281, [r\\_colombo@bigpond.com](mailto:r_colombo@bigpond.com)
- 9:45am St Paul's – Peggy Marriner: 0403 228 150, [peggymarriner@hotmail.com](mailto:peggymarriner@hotmail.com)
- 11am St John's – David Green: 0428 865 873, [davjangreen@gmail.com](mailto:davjangreen@gmail.com)

In order to maintain social distancing and high standards of hygiene, the following measures will be put in place:

- If anyone is unwell or symptomatic they are required to self-exclude from our services.
- Members must practise social distancing at a minimum of 1.5 metres at all times and maintain good hygiene practice.
- Regular cleaning of our sites conducted and hand sanitizer will be made available.
- The services will be 45 minutes in length with a maximum of 20 people at each. Once capacity is reached, people will be turned away at the door. Priority will be given to those who register in advance.

- There will be 10 pews at St John's and St Paul's with 2 people per pew (families can sit together in a single pew). Appropriate seating arrangements will be set up for the 8:30am St John's service in the hall.
- Based on advice, there will be no Lord's Supper, children's program, morning tea, passing of peace, passing the offering plate and reduced singing of hymns.
- There will be no pew Bibles, prayer or hymn books. Please bring your own Bibles. As usual, the liturgy and lyrics will be made available on the projector screen.
- Robert Colombo (St John's) and Peggy Marriner (St Paul's) have been appointed our Covid-Safe officers and are responsible for overseeing and enforcing these measures, including the attendance register, social distancing and cleaning.
- If you are unfortunate enough to get the corona-virus, or have come in contact with someone who does, you must let me (the pastor) and/or the Covid-Safe officer know as soon as reasonably possible.
- If a covid incident occurs on our premises, we have a plan in place to respond in an appropriate and timely manner.

This proposed plan will be trialled for the month of June and we will monitor and make adjustments where necessary. We are aware that not everyone will be satisfied by these arrangements. Some members will prefer to remain away from social gatherings, for other members these service times will be inconvenient. Can I strongly encourage you to offer feedback to myself or members of the parish council – whether positive or negative – so that we can best respond to the needs of our members. On behalf of the Parish Council, I apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disappointment over the decisions made. Our motivation, as always, is to love God and love neighbour, and so we strive to worship God in the most reasonably safe way we can.

### **Midweek Lord's Supper Service**

For those wanting to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, I will host a weekday Lord's Supper service. It will alternate between St John's and St Paul's, 10:30am Tuesday mornings, beginning at St Paul's on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Again, this service will be restricted to 20 members, so please register with me in advance your intention to attend: [minister@stjohnshealesville.org.au](mailto:minister@stjohnshealesville.org.au), 0421 213 790.

### **Pentecost**

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the birth of God's church in Acts 2. Here is a collect appropriate to the occasion:

*O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,  
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