

CHRIST CHURCH
CONSTANTIA



Wednesday 18 March 2020

Dear Parishioners

As a community of faith, who meet in a much loved place of worship and mindful of our calling to be caring and compassionate toward the vulnerable and those at risk, we have made the following decisions.

Shop – the shop will be closed until after Easter.

Teas and coffee – there will be no tea / coffee served after services until further notice.

Clothes sorting – we will continue to have clothes sorting for the foreseeable future but restrict the number of people to four.

Lent course – the lent course will continue for the foreseeable future but the space between participants should be a meter.

Employees – we will check the temperature of all of our employees on daily basis. The Verger will do this using an infrared thermometer. We will ensure they have hand sanitisers available to use.

Youth – all youth activities are suspended until after Easter

Sanitizers – hand sanitisers will be placed at all access points into church buildings – church (4), kitchen (1), hall (1), reception (1).

Concerts – all concerts are cancelled until further notice

Hire of Hall Activities – it is the responsibility of the party hiring the hall to decide whether they continue with their events, subject to maximum of 100 people.

Services : In the interest of fellow parishioners, we request that you do not attend services if you feel unwell. To follow guidelines on mass gatherings, we encourage attendees to leave a space between families when sitting in the pews.

Prayer books and hymn books will be placed in the pews and not distributed by the Stewards. Please leave these books where you find them. The BCP Service pamphlets and weekly Pew leaflets will be placed at each entrance and attendees are asked take one themselves.

Stewards will disinfect congregants on arrival at the church and hand sanitisers will be available for use throughout services. Visitors to the church are encouraged to bring personal sanitisers if they have them.

Extra focus will be made to ensure the church is thoroughly cleaned and sanitised during this period.

Offertories should be placed in the designated boxes at each entrance when arriving or departing the church.

Only the Host will be offered during communion. Wine will not be offered for the foreseeable future. Please stand at the alter rail when receiving the host, do not kneel.

Weekly Services - the weekly services will continue to be held. Sunday at 07:30, 09:15, 11:00 and 18:30. We encourage attendees of the 09:15 service to consider attending the 11:00 or 18:30 service to spread the attendance, with the aim of limiting each service to 100 people. The 10:00 Wednesday service will continue as usual.

Easter Services – There will be additional seating provided in the Garden of Remembrance at the Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services. People are encouraged to leave space between families at these services.

There will be no Palm procession at the 09:15 service on Palm Sunday.

Our aim is to continue to have services at Christ Church Constantia during the prevailing circumstances. However, we will be monitoring any changes to the current guidelines daily. We ask for your co-operation during this period.

Regards

The Parish Council