



ST JOHN THE DIVINE

Anglican Church

Croydon

Dear Parishioners

Our Archbishop has just sent out a directive for all parishes in the Melbourne Diocese to stop services with effect from Monday 23rd March.

Earlier this week the decision was made to hold our 8am and 10am services tomorrow - however, significantly reduced: short, said Eucharist services, with no morning tea after.

The 10am service is planned to be live-streamed on the parish's FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnDivineCroydon> This means that if you are choosing to self-isolate already (which I strongly recommend you to do), then you should still be able to join in in this way. If this technology does not work for you, I will be exploring other options for future Sundays.

Alternatively, Bishop Paul is providing a YouTube video:

Dear all

For those who do not have livestreaming or online resources, and are not meeting tomorrow or have many people staying away, please find the link to the YouTube video for a service for Sunday on the diocesan website: <https://youtu.be/m6rxXOvIPGI>

Prayers, grace and peace

Paul

Please stay in touch, and let me know if you would appreciate a phone-call, assistance with shopping (I live right next to Coles & Aldi's!), or anything else. I will be looking at other ways for our church community to worship and to serve, as we enter this challenging time. In the meanwhile, pray with the writer of Psalm 23 (set for tomorrow):

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Take care, and be blessed
Your priest, John