



STAGE 1 EASING OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As you may know, the NSW government has announced the easing of COVID-19 restrictions from Friday May 15. This includes:

- Religious gatherings / places of worship up to 10 worshippers, including the minister
- Weddings up to 10 guests, not including the minister.
- Indoor funerals up to 20 mourners, outdoor funerals up to 30.
- Up to 5 visitors to a household at any one time.
- Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people.

In line with the stage 1 of the government and also diocesan requirements, the wardens and I have decided the following:

- Bible study groups, Saturday prayer group and Refuge may begin to meet at the church (10 or less on the property) or in homes (5 visitors or less). These groups may also continue online.
- Sunday services will remain closed, but livestreamed.
- TOTS, Andy's Club, Kids' Club, Community Pantry morning tea, men's and women's dinners, and Prime Time remain suspended.

To meet in the church, the following requirements will need to be observed:

- Ensure that no more than 10 people, by invitation only, come onto the property at any one time.
- Stay home if you are unwell. Do not distribute hard copies of information. Bring your own personal food if need be.
- Ensure 1.5m distancing, allowing for at least 4m² per person. Tables will be set out in the church and seat positions marked 1.5m apart.
- Ensure good hygiene through the use of hand-washing facilities and hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser is available at the front door and elsewhere in the church.
- Clean and disinfect communal areas frequently. This means disinfecting seats, chairs, doorknobs and other frequently used surfaces after every meeting. Infrequently used surfaces can be disinfected weekly. The following cleaning advice from Safe Work Australia is helpful.
- Record and store the contact details of those who gather. There will be a register at the front door to record: date of meeting, participant's names and contact numbers, space for the group leader to sign off that frequently used surfaces have been disinfected after the meeting.

Signs will be put up around the church. At the front door will be hand sanitiser, information, attendance record, and cleaning products.

Let's be diligent in these measures for one another's safety, and thankful to God that we can begin meeting together in this way.

- **SAM PURSELL**

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Jan Crook, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Marilyn Kyngdon, Yvonne Matthiassen, Joy Meyer, James Mills, Noel Monk, Pam Moore, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Charlie October, Betty Uren, Chris Wilson.

The family of Esma Quinn

Give thanks to God for the life of Esma Quinn, who passed away last Saturday. Pray that Allan and family will find comfort in the hope of the resurrection of the dead for those in Christ Jesus.

Marylin Kyngdon

Continue to pray for Marylin as she deteriorates in her health. Give thanks to God for her strong faith and conviction in our loving Father. Pray for Geoff and the family especially given the current circumstances of travel restrictions.

COVID-19

Thank God for largely protecting Australians from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Pray for Scott Morrison and our leaders as they make decisions to gradually reduce restrictions and reactivate the economy.

Pray for wisdom, insight and knowledge for scientists and researchers as they search for the most effective treatments and for a vaccine. Pray for a vaccine to be quickly discovered, tested, developed, and made available.

Church family

Continue to uphold Sam, the Wardens and Parish Council as they lead us during this uncertain time.

Give thanks that even though our gatherings may look different, that we can still meet together. Pray for wisdom in the next few weeks as restrictions roll back.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 3 OF 4)

Government:

The Premier and NSW politicians.

World Focus:

The continent of Asia.

Mission Partners:

Stewart Continuing Ministries - training leaders of the persecuted church in ministry.

Organisations We Support:

Youthworks and the Bible Society

Word Ministry Training:

Ministry Training and Development (MT&D) and the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

Staff and Senior Leadership:

Warden's and Parish Councillors.

Children's and Youth Ministry:

Andy's Club.

Adult Ministries:

Prime Time and Interact.

Local Evangelism:

Outreach to emergency services and community groups.

Members unable to attend church:

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Audrey Ford, Lily Lyddiard, Una Miller, Howard Slocombe, and Bruce Smith.

Local Public Schools:

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High.

Other Regular Matters:

Our ongoing financial needs for the ministry at our church and beyond.

DANIEL

5. God scatters the proud

Daniel 5:1-31

Sam Pursell • 17th May 2020

1. The proud party king (1-4)
2. The mysterious message (5-9)
3. The despised but wise Daniel (10-17)
4. Divine wisdom and judgement (18-31)

Next Sunday...

'God delivers from death' • Daniel 6:1-28 • Sam Pursell

Church News

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

With some church activities starting to resume, we will also be organising the Church cleaning roster.

If you are able to help out with this, please contact the office.

KIDS' CHURCH

This week's videos and activities for Daniel 5 can be accessed here - <https://bit.ly/36ch65H>

SOUTHERN CROSS MAGAZINE

You can download a copy of the Southern Cross magazine by heading to this page: <http://bit.ly/downloadSC>.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Join us on Zoom after the morning service on Sundays at <https://bit.ly/2ygoOyC> for a virtual morning tea together. You will require a password which is 081977.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

23rd Erin Hick
Roger Kyngdon (Mission Partner)
Nola Sercombe

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

20th Andy & Magda Peters
22nd Dave & Jan Crook
David & Jenny Orange

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