

**Dear Church family,**

Doesn't that feel a bit like whiplash? From 6 days in lockdown, it's back to a total of three days in lockdown. So we are able to meet this Sunday in person at church. And that's what we intend to do. There is still plenty of uncertainty going forward. But here are some of the details for this Sunday:

**Church this Sunday is on with the usual 8:30 and 10:30 gatherings**

We're going to gather in the name of Jesus, at both 8:30 and 10:30 timeslots.

At both services, we have decided not to have communion this Sunday and next Sunday, for reasons of COVID safety. So it will be a morning prayer service at 8:30am.

At 10:30 in particular, we have the challenge that the spacing requirements are now tighter than last Sunday. So we may have a maximum of 1 person per four square metres in our facilities. This means we may have a maximum of 62 in the church, 58 in the hall, 35 in the foyer, 13 in the Jury Room, 7 in the Bubbles room, 5 in the Kitchen, and 3 in the Library. All these figures are excluding staff. I take staff to include Rob, myself, Chen Jin, the leaders of Bubbles, Kids Church and Youth Church. Before church on Sunday, I will pin up posters describing these maximum room number allowances.

With the maximum of 62 in church, we cannot fit all the kids and adults in the church, assuming the normal number of people attend at 10:30. For this reason, we have decided that the youth, kids church and Bubbles programs will commence with the commencement of church, at 10:30. That is, the kids who are aged 2 years old up to year 8, will not come into the church building at all. I'm aware this is not ideal, and I would like to get us back to having a kids talk. However, it is hard to see how to do this with a maximum of 62 in the church building. I'm very keen on your suggestions here, as we reconsider this for the weeks that will follow.

## **Masks and Morning Tea**

With the upgraded level of restrictions now in force, we have decided to take the conservative approach for this week: We will be asking members of our congregation who wish to sing to bring masks, and wear them when they are singing. We will not have morning tea at either service.

## **Roster Roles**

If you're on a roster for this Sunday 22nd November, we'd love you to please still fulfil your role. If you are sick, or concerned about your COVID risk, or for other reasons cannot, it will help us if you can find yourself a replacement. If you can't do that, please let Mike know as soon as you can on [mike@stgeorgesmagill.org](mailto:mike@stgeorgesmagill.org). We're thankful to all who serve!

## **Zoom Church Still Available at 10:30am**

For those who wish to stay home, Zoom Church is still available. The code is still <https://zoom.us/j/400678771>. To attend the Zoom Church by phone, the number is 7150 1149. Then enter the relevant 9 digit meeting code.

## **From the Bible**

Here's a reminder again from Paul that God is working out his good purposes in all things:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Mike Russell