



ashfield presbyterian church

...growing followers of Jesus

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Dear brothers and sisters,

The government has mandated that we cancel all our Sunday services, and meetings in our buildings, until further notice. In place of public services, we will be "gathering online". There will be a livestream at 10.15am and 6pm.

You can find these at the [church facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/ashfieldpresbyterian) <https://www.facebook.com/ashfieldpresbyterian>
Or at the church website: ashfieldpresbyterian.org.au

There will be prayer, some songs, a Bible reading and a sermon, and perhaps some other material for you to engage with.

Home groups will also meet online through the PIM Congregation Connect platform (like zoom) <https://pimcongregationconnect.org/b>

Your home group leader has information about how to join an online meeting. This could be for a regular Bible study, or even as you are all watching the church service livestream on a Sunday. We believe this will provide people with a "church experience" where people mutually encourage one another. More detailed instructions have been sent to you in a separate email. Contact me if you haven't received these.

Caring for Each Other

- Make an effort to get connected with a home group through the PIM Congregation Connect platform (even if you haven't been in a group before). This will probably be the new normal for our church experience for the next few months (unless God does a miracle)
- Notify Dave, John or Cindy if you have any specific needs, or know of anyone else who does. We will seek to maintain regular communication with you during this difficult time. Our elders will be making pastoral phone calls during this time – to ensure your well-being and to pray with you over the phone.
- Phone one another regularly: And pray with each other. It's weird at first, but it gets easier.
- Can you spare any supplies or money? People are being retrenched, and we may be asked for practical and financial help. Contact Cindy, Dave or John.
- Be daily reading your Bible and Praying. Now more than ever!

Love your neighbour #viralkindness

This crisis presents us with a great opportunity to love our neighbours. Print off some of these postcards (attached image), fill them in with your details, and pop them in the letterboxes in your neighbour. These cards enable you to connect with people who are self-isolating, offering to help in safe but practical ways

Opportunities of Self-Isolation

1. Read a good Christian book
2. Spend more time with family
3. Spend more time praying

David

