

Figtree Anglican Church

COVID-19 Care Procedures

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These are the COVID-19 care procedures as of Thursday, 19 March 2020. As we care for each other, Figtree Anglican Church is taking the official advice of the Sydney Anglican Diocese and NSW Health. Figtree Anglican is implementing the following procedures with immediate effect and will update them in accordance with the official advice. We will enact these procedures with the spirit of care and love for all in our church and community, and we trust in Jesus who is indeed greater than COVID-19.

On Wednesday, 18 March, the Archbishop of Sydney instituted the following to all Anglican Churches:

"In light of the Prime Minister's announcement this morning, banning enclosed gatherings in excess of 100 people, I have decided that the Anglican Church in Sydney should suspend all public church gatherings until further notice."

Glenn N Davies, Archbishop of Sydney

So, in response to that:

Public Gatherings Cancelled

There will be no public gatherings held at Figtree Anglican Church. This includes all services and ministries that have an open invitation for people to join.

Personal Contact

When we are together in private gatherings or in church activities, the following are measures to assist in caring for each other:

- **Personal Hygiene** - Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water regularly. We will continue to provide hand sanitiser at convenient locations around our facilities.
- **Social Distancing** - We ask you to follow these guidelines; cover your nose with your elbow when you cough or sneeze. Where possible keep a distance of 1.5 metres, and please avoid physical contact.
- **Sickness** - If you have any signs of any sickness, we urge you to stay home.
- **Travellers** - if you have arrived back from overseas in the last 14 days, or been with someone who has, we ask you not to participate - as per NSW health guidelines.

Streaming Service

- We will stream an online church service this Sunday, 22 March at 10am:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/figtreeTVstream/live>
- The service can be viewed at 10am or after, and we will be producing a DVD, Podcast and CD version for those that cannot access the internet.
- The Kids & Youth ministry will be sending out messages through their social media and email.

Faithful Adventurous Compassionate

Seniors and the Vulnerable

- Our church family includes seniors, those with illness and other factors that make them extra vulnerable at this time. We recognise this and ask that the whole church takes extra care and vigilance for those in our congregation.
- If you need assistance, communicate with us at info@myfac.org.au or by calling the office on 4272 1322.

Cleaning: Equipment & Facilities

Building Use - Before and after the use of each room, all flat surfaces and door handles are to be wiped down with disinfectant.

Values

- We value every church member's decision in how they respond to this crisis.
- Meeting together in small groups.
- Being active in looking out for each other - especially the sick, elderly and vulnerable.
- Look out for others in our community.

Giving & Offertory

We encourage you to continue to make giving an act of your worship and faith during this time.

- You can use online giving during this time, which can be done via: Acc Name: *Figtree Anglican Church*. BSB: 032 686. Acc Number: 141 209. Reference: *Offertory*.
- You can also bring your offerings to the church office.

Communication:

During this period we want to make sure we are communicating well and clearly.

- **Updates** - We will give you updates each Sunday during our live stream, as well as online on Wednesdays via our social media platforms, and as new directives are provided by the Diocese and the Government.
- **Platforms** - We will communicate through our social media platforms (@FigtreeAnglican on Facebook and Instagram), as well as email.
- **Upcoming** - We will continue to advise regarding the implications for upcoming events and ministries.

For more updated information:

NSW Health: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Diocese of Sydney: <https://sydneyanglicans.net/news>

During this season, please remember the wonderful and courageous legacy of the Christian Church. In some of history's darkest times the people of God have demonstrated the Spirit who lives in them. *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."* (2 Timothy 1:7)

In Christian fellowship,



Shane Dirks (Acting Rector), The Staff Team, The Wardens

*"I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1*