



LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Dear Church family & Visitors,

We're excited that we can re-open our doors and see you all again in person!

We'll be officially (physically) re-opening on Sunday the 14th June. We're following the Government's guidelines for measures to keep us all safe and minimise risk, so please take note of the changes that we're putting in place and we'll keep you up to date as things progress.

For our size of building we're able to have 65 people in the main hall, including essential personnel. Unfortunately, if we reach our maximum capacity we'll have to ask a few people to join us Online via Zoom for that week instead. If you live close to the church building, would you be on the look out for this situation, and consider whether you can offer to give up your seat in the building?

We're also required to take down your name and contact number as you enter the building so that if anyone gets sick, we can inform you. We'll be keeping these details in a secure location and will only keep them for 28 days following the week that you attend.

The government is recommending maintaining physical distancing while we're gathered together. As hard as it is, please refrain from hugs, kisses and handshakes while you're at church, and be sure to ask the other person what they are comfortable with before presuming to hug or shake hands. The symptoms of Covid-19 are fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat, and shortness of breath. If you have any of these symptoms, please stay at home and join us Online via Zoom and get tested. If you have been diagnosed, have a confirmed case, are waiting for test results, or have had close contact with a confirmed case, the government asks that you self-isolate. If you're in this situation, please let us know so we can support you and do let us know if you need any support to connect to services and meetings throughout the week.

More information can be found on self-isolation and testing at these links:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/self-isolation>, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing>. We also encourage you to download the COVIDSafe app <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>.

If you over 70yrs old, pregnant, have an infant, or have a compromised immune system, we'd like to encourage you to take advantage of our online streaming via Zoom. However, we also understand that you might not want to be stuck at home! We're going to have the screen in the mum's room running as usual, so please feel free to come and be with a smaller group of people in that room. Alternatively, for anyone who would like to meet in person but is concerned about the risk, please contact us and we will look to put you in touch with another household where you can gather and watch church with a smaller group of people.

Kids Church program will commence after the July school holidays and morning tea food will be commencing shortly. We are pleased to announce, we will be having the coffee machine going.

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Finally, we'd like to let you know that one of the government's requirements is to "avoid group singing or chanting and wind instruments (such as flute, oboe or clarinet). Solo singers should maintain at least 3 metres physical distance from other people." We understand this to mean choir singing from the stage, and so will take steps to appropriately space the musicians and ask that everyone in the congregation maintains 1.5m distance from each other, especially during worship while singing. Many other churches however have understood this to mean "congregational singing", and so while we believe that we are able to proceed with our worship times we want to ensure you can make an informed choice. If you have concerns and would like to join us after the worship set (around 10.30am) please feel free to do so.

If you have any questions please get in touch with any of the leaders, or you can reach Jimm via phone (0435 366 760) or email (jimm@thelighthouse.org.au).

We can't wait to be back in person and look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

All our love,

Jimm & Maria and the Lighthouse leadership team.

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