



WERRIBEE UNITING CHURCH

CROSSROADS

A community passionate about growing in the image of Jesus.

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CROSSROADS UNITING CHURCH

With great reluctance the Church Council has resolved to suspend public worship on Sunday mornings for the safety of our members and as a consequence of the government's decisions regarding the size of public gatherings and the need for 'social distancing' to prevent the spread of the virus Covid-19. This will apply from next Sunday 29 March to Sunday 19 April (inclusive), and it is important to recognise that there is a strong possibility that the suspension will last longer than 19 April. The Church Council will review the situation on 14 April.

In place of the suspended public worship, the Rev. Annetia Goldsmith, with the assistance of members of the Council and the congregation and in particular Mr Roland Geilen, will provide a weekly 'worship experience' online (which means you can access this on a computer, a smart phone, a smart TV, or an iPad).


Our weekly newsletter, *Connection*, will continue to be produced and will be available on the Crossroads public webpage (<https://crossroadsunitingchurch.org.au>).

The 'worship experience' will be accessible only by members of our congregation through a Facebook Group. To access this, you will need to join Facebook (and be aware that when you do join Facebook you do not have to provide details about yourself and your membership of Facebook can be private and not open to anyone other than those people you 'befriend' or a group that you join). Once you have joined Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/621987747878234/> on a web browser and then request to become a member. We have a panel of three people who check all requests to become members to ensure that only members of the congregation can access this Group.

To maintain a sense of mutual support and friendship, we encourage you to make a habit of regularly phoning each other each day for a virtual morning or afternoon tea and thus keep in touch. A copy of the Congregational Directory is available for you so you can easily access the phone numbers.

Regular updates about our activities will be posted on the Crossroads public webpage (see above).

We want to encourage you to apply your own creative thinking, prayer and planning to different ways of connecting, encouraging and equipping people to love and care for our neighbours, and for us to retain our sense of belonging together as a congregation. More than anything, look after yourself during this unprecedented time. If you are struggling, reach out to someone you can trust. You can contact the Rev. Annetia Goldsmith at the office (9741 1084) Tuesday-Friday mornings or on mobile at 0488 575 430.

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