**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES UNDER COVID RESTRICTIONS**

**GUIDELINES FOR CONGREGANTS - ST MARKS FRESHWATER**

**(As at 1 June 2020)**

***Preparing to come to church***

1. A maximum of 50 people, other than those involved in leading the service, may attend each service.
2. We will continue to stream all services via Zoom so that those who cannot or choose not to come to church may participate.
3. **You must register your name and contact details, including telephone number or email address before coming to church or with the designated welcomer at church**. We plan to set up an online system for you to register your attendance and confirm your contact details before coming to church. You will still need to *"check-in"* upon arrival at church. Of course, *"walk-ins"* (that is, those who have not pre-registered) are more than welcome to attend provided that there are available places, with priority given to those who have pre-registered and arrive on time.
4. Please bring your own Bible, pen, paper, water bottles and anything else you may need as we are not permitted to provide these things for you. Pew Bibles will also be removed from the seats.
5. If you are one of the Bible readers you must bring your own Bible, ideally an NIV 2011 edition.

***At church***

1. **Do not come to church if you are unwell or are required to self-isolate.**
2. **You must maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from other persons at all times and please do not move the seats**, which will be carefully placed to ensure social distancing.
3. **Please use the hand sanitiser, which will be placed near the entrance to church, to clean your hands thoroughly every time you enter the church** and practise good hand and respiratory hygiene at all times.
4. Please try to avoid touching shared surfaces, such as doors, door handles, walls, windows and chairs with your hands.
5. If you begin to feel unwell during the service, please go straight home and email Terry. Please keep us informed, by email, if you have been to church in the 7 days prior to the onset of flu-like symptoms (including dry cough, fever, sore throat or difficulty breathing) and/or you have a COVID-19 test.
6. There will be no congregational singing.
7. There will be no collection plate. Giving should continue in accordance with the wardens' letter dated 21 May 2020.
8. No access to the downstairs area, including the kitchen and toilet, except for emergencies.
9. No shared use of books and other reading material at the back of church. The usual table with copies of the newsletter, Southern Cross etc will be removed from the back of church and book cases and shelves are not to be accessed.

***After the service***

1. **Social gatherings and catch-ups are not allowed on church property**. Therefore, unless you are involved in pack-up or cleaning, please leave the church property (which includes the carport, driveway and yards) as soon as practicable after the service while continuing to observe social distancing rules.
2. The church may remain open after the service for private worship, including prayer and Bible reading, for individuals or groups of up to 10. This is subject to the discretion of the wardens and continued observance of social distancing.
3. You are free to meet up with one another away from church while observing the applicable restrictions and social distancing rules to the place where you meet.
4. Food and drinks will not be served before, during or after the service.