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From the Minister. COVID-19 Pastoral letter No 2 – 1 April 20

Dear all,

The dream continues. All seems rather odd not having the usual routines, doing certain things on certain days and times. Not seeing particular people at particular events. One of my greatest joys as the Minister of The Corner Uniting Church is working out of the church being part of the rich life of the Church. Seeing so many of the congregation most days of the week. Well that's all suspended for a while. Although the work and life of the church continues, through staff and volunteers, working from home, over the phone, video calls and where necessary from the church office, adhering the social distancing requirements. To keep you informed about a number of issues

Easter Worship Packs – lots of work have been going into these over the last few weeks by a number of people. Specific packs for families have been distributed to families through the Christian Pastoral Support workers at local schools.

For those who are able, a drive by will be available by the main doors of the church to come and pick up your Easter Worship Box. Between 10 am – 1pm Tuesday 7 April. Otherwise if you need one delivered let us know.

The Church Office is effectively closed. At different times during the week a staff member or lay member of the ministry team/office may be in the office doing work they cannot do from home, the office is not open to others.

It is deeply regrettable that Church Council has needed to reduce our Admin Team Leaders paid hours. Much of Belinda's role is the managing volunteers, café, op-shop & hirers whose activities are all suspended. During the suspension of services Belinda is employed to manage our finances 6 hours a week, some of these hours will be from home. This arrangement is under continual review, the moment the restrictions are over her hours will resume. In regards to Youth & Families Team Leader, Nina's hours, and those of myself, at this time they will remain unchanged as our spiritual & pastoral roles have not changed.

Following on from our staffing is our financial situation and the two are deeply connected. Our income has reduced by about 60% possibly more, almost overnight. We can forget the budget that was passed by the congregation for 2020.





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The decision by Church Council was to capitalise our last significant bequest from Mavis Noble. This will have implications in the future but for now the monies will go into the general account and act as a safety net to see us through the next few months. Your regular giving is now our sole income, thank you to all who moved across to electronic giving from envelopes or the plate last year. We receive your gifting to God even when we don't physically meet. For those not on electronic giving you can transfer money when at the bank or online using BSB 633 000, A/C Number 164 397 945, A/C Name The Corner Uniting Church, or for those with a cheque account you can mail cheques to 93 Oaklands Road, Warradale SA 5046.

Most importantly while our physically meeting together is suspended, keep the contact going between each other; phone, text, email, Facebook, Messenger, Skype, Zoom, write letters and post them (while postal services still operate). We have so many options these days to keep in touch. And pray for each other. We are the church even when we are complying with social distancing regulations.

Keep Safe & Blessings

Mark

Rev'd Mark Hewitt

