

June 27th, 2020.

Dear Church Family,

I hope that you are all well and knowing the almighty grace of Christ our Shepherd as we continue through the era of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last week the Church Council distributed updated information re. COVID-19 restrictions from the SA gov't, and SA Synod of the Uniting Church, and their effects on current church activities. The next step in the relaxation of restrictions begins on Monday Jun 29th ('Step 3'). We are waiting on confirmation of details of the SA Government step 3 relaxations and guidelines from Synod to determine what these will allow.

I know that we are all keen to be able to meet together again for worship and other church activities as soon as possible. We are thankful for the many ways that we have been able to stay in touch and keep connected as a church family through all the restrictions, however, *nothing beats being face-to-face with real people!!* The Church Council are working to enable this to happen as soon as it can (hopefully within the next couple of weeks!).

We are hopeful that the 'Step 3' relaxation will make it feasible for us to gather for worship on Sunday mornings, Café Church to recommence, together with a number of our other small groups (Bible Study, prayer, etc) and other activities.

When we do recommence gathering, we will face significant hygiene requirements, which will require everyone's understanding and patience.

The Church Council will advise the congregation of recommencement dates and plans via email, post and the website, as soon as possible.

The Church Council, Elders and Pastoral Carers have been working hard through the months of COVID-19 to maintain contact and strong pastoral support with our congregation members, upholding them in prayer. If you have any particular concerns or needs, or would like to talk or pray with anyone (by phone, or in person if appropriate), please feel free to contact your pastoral carer, one of the Elders, or contact me personally (j.button@bigpond.com; 0467 683 333).

Grace in Christ,
Jonathan.