

Live Worship is Back at Golden Grove Uniting Church Sunday July 19th

Dear Church Family,

05/07/20

I hope that you are well, and know that you are held fast in the strong grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church Council held an extended retreat planning meeting on Saturday July 4th. The purpose of this was to make detailed plans as to how the Golden Grove church family can begin to regather for worship, fellowship, and other various church activities, now that the COVID-19 restrictions are progressively relaxing. We want to do this in a way that takes the best pastoral care of all our members, and the members of wider community with whom we have contact.

This is great news!

Yes we can!...

- Gather for Sunday morning worship - commencing July 19th*
- Gather for Café Church (2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) - commencing July 26th*
- Recommence Sunday Kidz Connect & Creche - commencing in August*
- Attend Men's Breakfasts
- Gather for prayer at the church
- Recommence Bible Study & Fellowship groups in homes or at the church
- Recommence Mainly Music (date subject to planning)
- Recommence Estia worship services (subject to Estia requirements)
- Recommence other group activities at the church

At this time, The Dinner Table program, Mission & Wider Work lunches, and Sunday eve services held in the church (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month) will remain suspended.

Of course, as we continue through the COVID-19 era, the Government and Uniting Church have put in place a range of requirements around hygiene and COVID-safe practices, and a number of limitations will apply as to how we conduct the activities that are recommencing. These requirements are likely to be with us for some significant time, until either vaccines or cures for the virus are developed. Following these requirements will require everybody's awareness, support, assistance, patience and grace.

**Please carefully read the attached detailed information about the recommencement of church activities, and the practices that will apply.*

As we move into the future, Government and UCA requirements will continue to change. The Church Council will work to keep abreast of these changes, modify our practices accordingly, and keep the congregation well informed.

Christ our Good Shepherd has a mission to save, renew and enrich our lives and world, that has not paused or faltered for the COVID-19 pandemic. He has led and provided and for us with overwhelming grace, enabling us to continue serving His mission, and to see great blessings. He promises to do this for us always. This gives us great hope as we move into the future as his people. I look forward to seeing once again face-to-face in church on July 19.

Grace, peace and courage in His Name!
Jonathan.