

Golden Grove Uniting Church
Restriction Relaxations for Step 3

04/07/2020

WHICH CHURCH ACTIVITIES REMAIN SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME?

- The Dinner Table
- Mission and Wider Work Lunches
- Sunday eve services held in the church (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month)

WHICH CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE STARTING SOON?

Activity	Notes
Sunday Morning Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday morning worship will recommence in the church hall from Sunday 19 July, at 10am. • A church council member will be posted at the entrance to provide assistance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hand Hygiene, -Signing in/out, and -Directing each family or individual towards a seat in the hall. • For the interim, no morning tea will be served after the service, but you are welcome to stay for a chat and to catch up with friends, whilst practicing social distancing. • Video recordings of the worship service will be made on the day and posted to the internet after the service for those that are unable to join us straight away. • The church council will ensure the facilities are cleaned prior to any worship service activities taking place and are committed to provide a safe environment for everyone to gather for worship.
Café Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Church (2nd and 4th Sundays of the month) will recommence on Sunday 26 July at 6pm. • For the interim, no food or drinks will be served during the service, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks that may be consumed at their own family table.
Kidz Connect & Creche	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in recess for school holidays. • During the holiday break period, families with small children will be accommodated in the back of the hall (children's area) during the worship services. • For the interim, children will be provided with basic activities that they can do, whilst seated with their families. • Our regular Kidz Connect activities are planned to resume in August.
Men's Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group has already resumed activities and will be continuing to meet at Soul Food Café in their regular timeslot.
Day of Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the interim, the Day of Prayer will only be for two hours, starting on Thursday 09 July from 10am to 12pm. • Prayer request cards will be made available in the hall next to the offering bowl.

Bible Study Groups & KYB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups that meet in homes no longer need COVID-Safe plans and do not have to comply with density requirements. The SA Government has relaxed this restriction on in-home gatherings. • Groups that gather in homes are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing (1.5m apart) whenever and wherever possible. • Each group is to evaluate how and when they will gather. Approach the church council if you need assistance. • Bible study groups are welcome to meet at the church, if they choose to. If meeting at the church, groups are required to comply with the church's COVID-Safe plan.
Mainly Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in recess for the school holidays and is planned to recommence soon. • A Mainly Music team meeting is planned for next week to finalise all the details.
Working Bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will resume on Saturday 01 August. • For the interim, no food or drinks will be served during the working bee. Members are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks that may be consumed at their own table.
Estia Worship Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estia will decide when they are ready to resume worship services, based on restrictions and the status of renovations.
Any other group gatherings on the church property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any group that wishes to gather at the church premises are encouraged to make contact with the church council and will be required to adhere to the current GGUC COVID-Safe plan.

DETAILS OF GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES AT OUR CHURCH:

1. Vulnerable people are currently defined as:
 - Those over 70 years old,
 - Those over 60 with a chronic health condition,
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over 50 years old with a chronic medical condition, and
 - People with compromised immune systems.
2. If you are unwell, do not attend any activities at the church.
3. Vulnerable people (as defined above) are strongly advised to seek medical advice and to speak to their families regarding their intent to participate in face to face group gatherings. This advice is intended as a recommendation to ensure the safety of all involved.
 - a. Those that are eighty-years old and above are allowed to attend activities at the church but are not allowed to run such activities at this time.
 - b. Within these guidelines, each person is requested to evaluate his/her own circumstances and decide what is appropriate for them regarding when to partake in group gatherings in terms of the risks posed to their own health and the risk they pose to others.
4. Where possible, all activities at the church are recommended to be kept under two hours duration.

5. At the church premises, separate entrance and exit points are strongly recommended to encourage the one-way flow of traffic and to assist with social distancing. Signage should be posted and hand sanitiser must be made available at the entrance/exit points.
6. Contact tracing requirements. All attendees will be requested to sign into and out of the building to aid the health department in tracing those who were present, should an incident occur. The church council is responsible for safe keeping of these contact tracing lists. (Name, phone or email, date and time of attendance)
7. All attendees are encouraged to download the COVID-Safe app to aid in contact tracing.
8. Social distancing. All people, except those that share a household, are required to remain at least 1.5m apart at all times, especially during singing.
9. Indoor spacing requirements. Current restrictions require that 2m² floor space is available for each person in attendance. The cap on maximum people that may gather at our church, is 819 between all indoor and outdoor spaces.
10. Based on the restrictions and sizes of rooms at the church those for step 3 are (staff not included):
 - a. Sanctuary - 50 people (the room is 101m²)
 - b. Hall & Sunday School - 90 people (the room is 180m²)
 - c. Meeting Room – 8 people, to comply with social distancing (the room is 26m²)
 - d. For other outdoor limits refer to the COVID-Safe Plan for Step 3
11. Frequent cleaning requirements. It is vital that each group receives clean facilities and that the facilities are cleaned after each use. The church is currently desperately short on cleaning volunteers and the council requests that each group making use of the church facilities clean that part of the facilities they used, especially touch points such as door handles, table surfaces and chairs.
12. Extract from latest Synod letter: "Servers in the kitchen may serve individual plates of food to people sitting at tables in the hall. Drinks may be served from a servery but physical distancing still needs to be maintained. No sharing of food or beverages using shared/self/serve utensils."
 - a. Individual cups and bread pieces to be used for Holy Communion
 - b. Gloves to be worn by those preparing Holy Communion
 - c. Congregation members to use hand sanitiser before receiving Holy Communion
13. No dancing or consumption of alcohol is allowed at our premises on the current COVID-Safe plan.
14. The church's current COVID-Safe plan will be made available on the church website as well as a physical copy on the church hall notice board.

The information in this document was summarised from the following source documents:

- GGUC COVID-Safe Step 3 Plan
- SA Roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions dated 27/06/2020
- COVID-19 Update from the Synod of SA General Secretary dated 29/06/2020
- Synod's Roadmap to re-open churches dated 29/06/2020
- Additional information relating to Step 3 from <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery>
- Decisions on measures by our church council taken 04/07/2020