



8 August 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Trust you are well and trusting our Lord and Saviour. The “second wave” of COVID-19 in Victoria is now a game changer. There have also been smaller outbreaks mostly but not exclusively around wider Sydney.

As a result, there have been changes to the COVID-19 restrictions and some new recommendations. While not compulsory, one **recommendation is that we are now encouraged to wear face masks during the service**. Should you wish to wear a face mask, you are welcome to wear it. If you do not have a face mask and would like to wear one there will be masks available in the foyer of the church auditorium. I would remind our church family we are taking the COVID-19 restrictions seriously and applying them to our different ministries. Tomorrow at 9.30am I will be continuing the teaching series from 1 Thessalonians. Online worship will continue as normal along with daily devotions.

**Morning tea will be served after the worship service** in the community hall. Again, COVID-19 restrictions will apply. Tea and coffee will be served in disposable cups and snacks will be in sealed wrappers. **Everyone must be seated during this time as well as social distancing**. I will look forward to catching up with those who choose to attend and enjoy fellowship together.

**Due to COVID-19 requirements for churches**, our church leadership team has recently taken a decision to replace our church pews with individual seats that will be much easier to arrange to meet current requirements along with flexibility for funerals and weddings. **Until the 21<sup>st</sup> August church attenders may purchase the pews for a small donation after which they will be offered to other churches and the general-public.**

**Pray for Jeff Patterson** as he continues to receive a new treatment. Pray for **Jackie Blinco** who continues to recover well after recent surgery. Pray for **Wynn Bruce** as she considers further treatment for her back pain. Pray for **Warwick Simmons** as he undergoes chemotherapy and **Eric Cornwall** as he continues to recover from shingles. Remember to **prayerfully uphold the seniors and volunteers** in our church family and the wider community as they navigate the COVID-19 warnings. Continue to pray for our **Playgroup, Op-Shop, and Coffee Place ministries** and all their volunteer staff. Prayerfully thank God that our church has been to date, free of COVID-19 and that Kaye and I are free to travel across the border.

**Could I also as you to pray for my close friends Ed and Gigi Hoard**, who many of you have met when they have visited our church family fro the USA. Ed and Gigi have just

tested positive for COVID-19 along with a significant number of their church family. They are in good spirits and self-isolating at the moment.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

In His grip,

Ps Russell

**Don't forget Church is online at 9.30am every Sunday.**

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TweedCoastCommunityChurch/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcY15a7Lbjipfa9oBIYlYrQ>

Church Website: <http://www.tweedccc.com.au/> (videos, audio clips and articles)

Clicking these links you need to hold the control key and then click on the link (Windows)

To join an online Bible Study or group please let Russell, Jeff or Peter know and they can join you to a group.

To tithe or give an offering for the ongoing ministry the account is:

Bank: **Commonwealth Bank**

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