

**** COVID UPDATE – 5th February 2021 *****

Hi Church family,

What a week it's been - with all the disruption from our lockdown and the impact of the Wooroloo fires, we do pray that this past week has been manageable for you all.

We are very happy to hear that the WA State Government has announced a lifting of the COVID lockdown for Perth from 6pm tonight. That means we can meet for church on Sunday.

However, there are some restrictions that will continue until the wee early hours of Sunday morning the 14th February. You can read the [full announcement](#) for all the information and restrictions in place.

The main restrictions that will impact us for the coming week will be the need to wear masks at public gatherings, and also limit our capacity to 1 person per 4 square metres (excluding staff/volunteers). So things at church will be a bit different on Sunday, and during this coming week, which we've outlined below.

Church on Sunday

We will be holding our morning service at 10am this Sunday, both in-person and livestream. However we will not be holding an evening service this Sunday.

If you are planning on attending our morning service, you will be required to wear a mask, unless exempt (which includes children under 12 years, or those with medical exemptions - see [here for the full list of exemptions](#)).

Those speaking from the front are permitted to not wear a mask, in order to enable clear enunciation. But when they have finished, they will need to put a mask back on.

With the restrictions in room capacities, we can have a total of 126 attending our morning service in-person. We're very thankful to have three areas at church where our morning service can be viewed - our Chapel, and our overflow areas of the Rear Hall and Lesser Hall. We will have people in place to direct you into these areas, to stay within the room capacity of each space.

Communion: We will still be having a time of communion during our service. Masks can be removed for a short time when eating or drinking.

Crèche: There will be no crèche during our morning service this Sunday. The lesser hall will be used as a family room for this coming Sunday. Crèche will resume on Sunday 14th February. .

Coffee and Morning Tea: We will not be serving coffee/tea after church this Sunday.

Evening Service: We will not be holding an evening service this coming Sunday.

Prayer Morning this Sunday: Our monthly prayer morning will be delayed until next Sunday 14th February. Please note the change in time too - 9am in the chapel.

So in brief, this is what is happening within our church:

Morning Service only for this Sunday: Our morning service starts at 10am, and you are welcome to come in-person, or to [watch online from home](#). Seating is strictly limited to 126, and everyone attending must wear a mask, unless exempt. There will be no crèche on during church, however families can make use of the cry-room or lesser hall (the Sunday School room), if needed during the service.

Bible School and Sunday School: Will not restart until Sunday 14th February.

Christianity Explored: Will go ahead as planned, starting this Sunday, 2pm in the chapel.

Home Groups and Bible Studies: These will all recommence this week. Gatherings at private residences are limited to 20 people, and you are not required to wear face masks at private, indoor gatherings.

Community Craft - delay of the 20th Anniversary Celebration

There will be no Community Craft Group this coming Tuesday, and as such, the 20th Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled for Tuesday 16th February.

The Carpenter's Workshop: Will be open tomorrow, for the first Saturday of the month (9-12 noon), and also on Tuesdays from this coming Tuesday 1-5pm;

Teen Youth Group: Will be restarting on Friday 12th February, from 7.30-9.30pm. Teenagers will be required to wear masks.

Junior Youth Group: Will be restarting on Friday 12th February, from 6pm-7.30pm (children under 12 are not required to wear masks).

Please note that every Church activity will be keeping within the new, and ongoing restrictions and guidelines set out by the WA State Government. Social distancing, good hygiene and the requirement to check-in via the SafeWA app (or manual check-in) will still apply to all activities on church premises.

All activities on church grounds are considered 'public gatherings', and therefore, for this coming week, anyone attending an activity at church will be required to wear a mask, unless exempt. You can see the [the full list of exemptions here](#) (which includes children under 12 years, and those medically exempt).

Thanks everyone - and hopefully these additional restrictions will lift, as planned, in the early hours of Sunday the 14th February.

God Bless,

Basso Church