



Hurstville Presbyterian Church

Re: Recommencement of Services on Sunday 5th July 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Praise be to God! The wait is nearly over, and soon we'll be back face to face. Understandably though, many of our congregational members will need to remain at home, and for them, the *9.30am At Home Sunday Service Package* will continue to be delivered in the current format.

The Four Square Metre Rule

According to the 4 sqm rule, our Church Building will accommodate only 76 persons, and our Ministry Centre 28 persons (22 downstairs & 6 upstairs).

Assigned Service

As there are more than 300 (adults and children) who attend the Sunday Service (at least once a month), and because many of our members have elected to remain at home, each attendee will be assigned to only one service: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.30pm. Please note that this means that if on any particular Sunday you are unable to attend, there won't be the means to attend a different service.

At the Front Door

You'll be welcomed with a question: "Do you have a fever, sore throat, or dry cough?". If you do, you'll be sent home with all our sympathy. If not, then your temperature will be checked, and if you're over 37.4 degrees, you'll also be sent home with our sympathy and prayers. But if you're well, we'll record your name, give you some hand sanitizer, offer you a mask (optional), and then usher you to a specially-marked seat, on which you will find your weekly bulletin.

Bible & Singing

Based on NSW Government requirements and official advice from the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, there will be no congregational or choir singing, and so we'll have to learn how to hum the hymns! You are encouraged to bring your own Bible, as all pew Bibles and hymn books will be stored away.

Sunday School

For those attending the 9.30am service, Sunday School will happen in the regular way, with kids departing to the Ministry Centre after a short Kids' Talk, but then returning to the church building during the final song. That way all families can leave the premises at the same time, by 11.00am, which will enable the 11.15am congregation to enter the building.

Offering

As we are not permitted to pass around the offering plate, there will be an offering box, positioned near the organ, for you to deposit your offering on the way out, exiting through the side door which leads onto Macmahon Street.

Morning Tea & Supper

In this early phase of recommencement, we have decided not to offer refreshments following the service, but you are encouraged to invite another person or family to join you at home for a meal, or at one of the local cafes or coffee shops.

Cleaning

Following each service, a cleaning team will wipe over the cushion-less pews with a disinfectant wipe, as well as to spray-and-wipe the bathrooms, deck railings, and door-handles.

That's enough information for now! I look forward to seeing you soon. With kind regards, David.