



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
KNYSNA**



**Friday 11 September 2020**



Dear Parishioners

On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> we resume Church services again. Sorry to have to repeat a lot from last weeks letter but it is necessary to clarify.

There will be an 08:00 service and a 09:30 service and on Tuesday's a 10:00 service. These will be services with limited singing on Sundays but will be communion services. The congregation will only receive the wafer.

Services will only be 60 minutes long and no more than 50 people in total.

We have prepared teams to sanitize between services and also to fill in the register of those attending each service.

Collection will only be taken at the end of the service and no passing of the collection plate between people.

People need to keep distance between each other except for people who live in the same household.

We have two temperature gauges and want to try save time on Sundays to get people into Church so please let us know if you are intending to come to a service.

It will make it easier for us to have your names before hand so that we prepare the registration list before time. This is just to help speed up the process on a Sunday morning so that it does not take time for parishioners to fill in the register of their attendance. If we are aware of your coming, all that needs to be done is have your temperature taken.

We do not expect attendance to be back where we were in January of this year. These are just beginning steps again and please do not feel obligated to return to services if you have concerns and feel that the time is not right for you yet.

It will take a long time before things can return to normal and this is a process that will still take many months.

It is a great joy that some of us can return to worship corporately and we will miss those who cannot return at this stage. I do not want people to feel that they are letting the Church congregation or the Lord down by not returning to Church as yet.

On Sundays, if you have not “pre-registered” but come to Church, and if we are not at 50 worshippers, we will not turn parishioners away because you have not let us know beforehand that you intended coming to Church. You can give us your details at the door. The pre-registration is just to speed things up admin wise therefore allowing you to arrive and enter the church without standing in a long que. I do need to appeal to you all to please not be late as the registration can be disruptive to the service.

I do not expect many people to come to services at Church as yet. We fully understand and once again I must thank you, as the parishioners, who have been so remarkable during all of this that we have still maintained our unity and fellowship through-out this lockdown. Your financial support has been amazing as has the commitment and effort that many of you have put into worshipping and studying the Bible. Many of our parishioners have said that they do believe they have grown in their relationship with Jesus during this Lockdown. We will get through this as a community and one day services will return to normal. Things may not be the same as before but we will be through the Corona Virus. I said at the beginning of Lockdown, Church is not the problem but the Corona Virus is.

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, Radio Eden, from 07:00 to 07:30, will be broadcasting a pre-recorded service that Bishop Brian asked me to record - so people of the Garden Route will also be worshipping with us in a way. You are welcome to listen in if you want to. I will still be sending out the video service at about the usual 07:30 on Sunday which will be a different message from the radio one.

Just a reminder that if you intend to come to Church it does help us if you have let the Church office know. Either phone Mary at (044 382-1239) or better still email the Church office at [stgerogeschurch@telkomsa.net](mailto:stgerogeschurch@telkomsa.net) It will assist us in making things smoother on Sundays or Tuesdays. Please make it clear if you will be a regular attendee or if its just for the up-coming Sunday or Tuesday—also it helps if you please let us know which service: Sunday 08:00 or Sunday 09:30 or Tuesday at 10:00.

We still need helpers for services so if you can help with sanitizing or recording- (That is the registering of peoples names and temperatures), or help with the data projector, it will be appreciated.

We are excited about having congregational worship and celebrating Holy Communion as a community again. For those who are not returning to worship, as yet, we will still be recording the service, or at least the sermons which will be sent out once I get it edited and up on YouTube. I am still working on trying to send out the recorded sermon at the same time as the service so that those who cannot attend, can still be part of the morning service.

Just a few reminders :

Everyone coming to services on Sundays or Tuesdays must wear a protective cloth face mask during the service.

For pre-registration, please send us this information:

- Full name
- Address
- Contact number
- Which service you wish to attend:  
8:00 or 9:30 on Sundays or Tuesday at 10:00.  
There will not be a Wednesday service at this stage.
- Whether you will attend regularly or the up-coming Sunday/Tuesday
- Date of the service. Sunday or Tuesday. (If not going to be regular)
- We will need to take your temperature on the day.
- If you are a married couple and/or have children who will be attending with you please include their names as well as the service may only have a maximum of 50 people which has to include the priest and lay minister, sides-people, musicians etc.

If you have registered, but on a particular Sunday do not feel well, please do not feel that you must attend the service. I do not expect that we will be anywhere near the 50 attendees and it is not likely you will deprive someone else of the opportunity.

We are here to have worship, it is not about the number of attendees, we intend to give God the Glory and worship regardless of the number of attendees.

**Matthew 18:20.**      **“For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”**

Have a blessed week.

Regards

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