

2020-03-20 Memo re dropping by the church and prayer point

SUBJECT: KEEPING IN TOUCH AND ‘PRAYER POINT’

This is a follow-up to yesterday’s detailed memo about our church community response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). There will likely be many of these short memos, seeking to keep you up to date, as well as soliciting your feedback and assistance about this new phase of being community together.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

As mentioned in the earlier memo, we need to seek new and creative ways of connecting and staying in touch at this present time. Please be aware that, at least for the time-being, Jacqui and Michael will generally be present at the church from 10.00am-2.30pm, Tuesday-Friday (inclusive). Chris Bray will also be present whenever time permits.

Feel free to drop by and talk.

Rest assured that we will be following appropriate guidelines (e.g. maintaining 1.5 metre minimum distance, employing good hygiene practices, etc).

There has been much talk of “social distancing,” but perhaps, as someone recently suggested, a better aim might be to:-

**Maintain spatial distancing
AND
Maintain social connectedness**

‘PRAYER POINT’

We are mindful of the fact that this is a troubling time, in many ways. People can be anxious, and may seek comfort and reassurance faced with the present uncertainty. We would like to explore the possibility of offering the church sanctuary as a place where people can come and sit: a ‘Prayer Point’ at which to pray, to reflect, to meditate, to contemplate.

Whilst Jacqui and Michael will mostly be around, it would be helpful if we had some people who would be willing to act as volunteers who could be a presence in the church from, say 10am-2pm, or in the evening from 7pm-8pm. This assistance can also extend to the selection of suitable symbols, icons, images, literature that might be helpful for reflection.

If you would be willing to do this, please contact Jacqui, Michael or Chris.

CREATIVE CONNECTIVITY

We would encourage everyone to think of innovative ways in which we can stay connected during this time. If you have ideas, please let us know!

Yours sincerely,

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Michael Dowling, Minister
Jacqui Harrison, Community Class & Office Coordinator