

30th March 2020

Dear friends,

Although most of us remain healthy, our lives as individuals and as a church community have been challenged by the incursion of COVID 19. Last weekend, the combined wisdom of the Commonwealth and State governments introduced new levels of shutdown of activities and public gathering.

As a worshipping community we have already commenced a new way to worship and that will continue to unfold as Karen and the Worship COM develop creative ways to use the technology we have available to keep us together and connected.

The Pastoral Care Coordination Team is also endeavouring to ensure that people who are not able to connect to BRUC via the worship services are contacted each week or so. We are all called to 'Reach out in Love' so let's send letters, use the phone, email, social media; do whatever we need to do to ensure that we support each other as brothers and sisters in Christ during these challenging times.

With the new levels of shutdown and limitations on gathering, your Church Council has had to consider the impact on all operations within the life of BRUC and its responsibility to ensure that we follow the guidelines from Government and church leaders.

There are many people who, for legitimate reasons have virtual unlimited access to our premises. This access allows for many forms of gathering, both formal and informal. In ordinary circumstances, these arrangements enable people to get on with the Mission of the Congregation and not be hampered by extensive permission requirements.

Our current circumstances are not ordinary.

In recognition of these new circumstances, your Church Council has resolved that:

With effect from today (30 March 2020):

- 1. All activities under the authority of the Church Council of BRUC are suspended until further notice unless specifically authorised by Church Council Executive**
- 2. For all activities conducted under lease or licence arrangements approved by the Church Council of BRUC, such licences are suspended until further notice unless specifically authorised by Church Council Executive**
- 3. Authority for use of access keys to BRUC is withdrawn until further notice unless specifically authorised by Church Council Executive**
- 4. The Office Manager is authorised to work from home until further notice.**

The members of Church Council recognise the impact of this decision and trust that all leaders of groups and organisations will take appropriate steps to advise their members participants of the requirement to not gather on our premises.

If you have enquiries or concerns about these arrangements, please contact one of:

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Minister	Rev Karen Ross	0412 158 209

In faithful service,



Trevor Marett
Chair, Church Council



Rev Karen Ross
Minister