



## C3 church Blenheim COVID-19 strategy.

Hi Family, as you will be well aware of the Virus situation that is going on throughout the world and now in New Zealand, we need to keep you updated and informed as what C3 Pacific policy is.

Please note this is a fast-changing situation that we are going through currently and may change at any time. We will update you with any changes asap.

We have decided that we will be closing the church services at NMIT as from today, so that means no meeting this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March until further notice. This is due to the fact that we meet in a multipurpose building. Other C3 churches that use multipurpose buildings have done the same.

We encourage you all to keep your faith high in our loving and caring Saviour. He is our Rock and our Fortress. As yet we are not able to live stream, but we will be looking at getting something on line in the next week or so. You may wish to have house church with those close to you.

I don't have everyone's email address so if you are speaking with one of the other people from the congregation, would you please update them as to what is happening. We will be texting those or phoning those that I have numbers for.

We are not panicking, but we are taking reasonable steps to ensure the safety of you all while still praising and worshipping our Great and Mighty God.

All home groups will continue as normal for now. We will continue to monitor these and keep you updated.

If you are self-isolating and need anything please let us know so that we can help you. If you need prayer – let us know so that we can lift you up. Of course we are praying for you all every day as it is.

This letter will also be displayed on our website. [www.c3blenheim.co.nz](http://www.c3blenheim.co.nz).

### **PRAYER:**

**Dear Heavenly Father, You are our Lord and Protector, we trust in Your unfailing love. Comfort those in trouble, deliver those who are fearful, give peace to Your children and**

those that don't know You. May Your church rise up and take her place and be a light in the darkness for those that have lost hope. May we honour You in all that we do and say. We praise Your Glorious and Holy Name. Forever. AMEN.

**Some strategies you can use (which I'm sure you already are doing) –**

- Use hand gel bottles if you are able to acquire them.
- Wash your hands well with soap and water after using the toilet. I have heard that it is a good idea to say the Lord's Prayer while washing hands to get to the appropriate number of seconds – it takes about 23 seconds.
- Use an elbow pump to greet others.
- Don't come to home groups if you are unwell with respiratory symptoms – coughing, sneezing, sore throat etc. Let us know and we will keep in touch.
- If you need to cough, cough into your elbow – use hand gel after coughing and discard tissues away immediately.
- Be kind to one another.

Check the Ministry of Health website for up to date information and for ways to keep yourself safe.

This is what they say:- *The most important thing to do is practice good hygiene.*

*This means:*

- *covering coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or coughing/sneezing into your elbow*
- *disposing of used tissues appropriately in a bin*
- *washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water and drying them thoroughly, or using hand sanitiser:*
  - *before eating or handling food*
  - *after using the toilet*
  - *after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose or wiping children's noses*
  - *after touching public surfaces*
- *trying to keep 2 metres away from people who are unwell*
- *Limiting alcohol and drug use (as this may affect your ability to adequately follow the advice above).*

*The measures above are especially important for people who have existing health conditions, such as those with diabetes, renal issues, chronic lung disease or compromised immune systems.*

Keep safe everyone, God richly bless you. We encourage everyone to be praying for communities around the world and in New Zealand and in our own province who have been affected by the virus and for continued protection across our city and nation.

If you have health-related concerns about COVID-19, phone the dedicated COVID-19 Health line (for free) on 0800 358 5453.

**“You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with song of deliverance.**

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye:”**

**Psalm 32:7-8**