

1. WHEN DO WE RETURN TO WORSHIP at THE VINES?

We are all keen to get back to meeting together. There are some churches that have already resumed services in their buildings. Others like the Journey (Ridgehaven) commence at the end of July and The Seeds resumes in the first week in August. So planning is required to make the transition back to worship a safe experience for all in the church.

NOTE: Next Friday The Vines Leadership team will discuss and determine a commencement date, after having considered some key points based on the work we have completed.

WORK COMPLETED:

1. COVID 19 Safe Plan has been completed after intensive work. This Plan is vital and determines how many people can be present in a room at one time, while maintaining government requirements for social distancing. A failure to have a plan is a \$5000 fine.

NOTE: Our sanctuary can hold about 50 people.

2. We have already had the church building opened over the last three weeks for Meetings, small groups and Worship rehearsal, everyone following Gov requirements of providing log in details, cleaning, social distancing etc.

3. Development continues on our ON LINE footprint, utilising video recording from within the church. Our aim is build on our new initiative and continue to record and upload worship from The Vines Building itself.

MEETINGS at HOME

The Good news is that after changes last Monday, it means that you can meet as groups in your homes, as long as you “adhere to current Covid restrictions like social distancing and hygiene. Like in restaurants.” So get to it.

POINTS TO CONSIDER regarding PUBLIC WORSHIP

Planning for the return of Public worship means we have to consider the correct process for implementing many factors from the cleaning regime, social distancing as we attempt to accommodate 50 people.

Questions such as what will this look like, do we provide coffee / tea... how many people will it take to clean the church afterwards?

If we can only fit 50 people do we have 2 services?

If we have 2 services are they the same or do we do them differently and if so WHY?

There are lots of other aspects that impact our planning and while it may seem simplistic to say

Q. When do we want worship?

A. NOW!

This misses the point about the importance of getting our process correct because we want to avoid what happened in Victoria. The disease is virulent and if we dismiss it then we put each other at RISK.

We will return, but I want to make sure we do so having done our due diligence because serving God and looking after your WELLBEING is The Leaders teams main effort.

Grace and Peace

Rev DJPrior,
On behalf of The Vines Leadership Team
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