

A s we prepare to return to our in person gathering at Trinity
Church Golden Grove, we desire to go back safely and to help everyone feel as comfortable as possible.
Here's how we are working at being a COVIDSafe church.

## **Keep In Mind**

Some people are 'wired' differently than you. Some are prone to be very anxious, others to be relaxed. Some are risk-averse, other risk-loving. Don't assume everyone is (or ought to be) like you as we return. This is a great chance to be gracious and patient with others as we remember that life isn't about comfort but Jesus.

It's probably going to feel a little different going back to church the first few weeks. That's okay. Come back with an attitude of thanking God for the past, of trusting God with the future. And, in all things, get on living for him.

COVID has given us many unique opportunities too. We should each be thinking actively about who we can invite, who we can pray with on that first Sunday and how we can celebrate what Jesus has done and is doing in our lives.

# **Capacity Limits**

For a church our size, capacity limits are based solely on the 2sqm rule, which is calculated on the entire publicly accessible area of the premises. This means that the total number of people permitted on our premises is **720**. Our chapel can hold 383 people and foyer 68 people.

## **Summary**

#### Recommence on-site gatherings on July 26









- Contact tracing check in on arrival
- Please don't come if you have any form of sickness
- Observe physical distancing especially in the pews and in the social time before and after church
- Hand sanitiser on arrival
- We are keeping doors open where possible to avoid needing to touch door handles and other surfaces when moving around the building
- Going paperless as a church with the online hub.
   This includes the Connect Card, Next Steps and giving details all available via a QR code or visiting hub.trinity.church/gg



### **Pre Service**

- We love seeing you, but please do not attend church if you are feeling in any way unwell. This includes having symptoms of a respiratory illness (cough, sneezing, runny nose) even if you do not feel sick
- We encourage everyone to install the COVIDSafe App on their phones and to have it active when outside their homes, including when attending church
- We should be especially careful at this time to care for those who are vulnerable because of health concerns, age or other challenges

#### **On Arrival**

- Contact tracing check in on arrival for all attending. The welcome team will take visitors details (name, phone number and email).
   This is kept in our secure database
- Keep physical distance guidelines.
   Please no hug's, hand shakes or touching one another

- Use the hand sanitiser stations
- Follow the banners and signs
- Those with any symptoms are asked to not to attend gatherings
- Doors kept open so no one touches the handles. Wipe before and after
- Bibles will not be handed out and passages printed in booklet. Bring your own Bible and pencil
- Church will be paperless as much as possible. Please make use of the online hub for next steps and information using <u>hub.trinity.church/gg</u> or scanning the OR code

#### **The Service**

- Our service will be similar in time and content to our online services
- Please physically distance in the pews as much as possible - left, right, front and back
- Communion will be made available with pre-filled cups in the coming months

#### **Post Service**

- Morning tea and coffee will not be offered
- Bring your own drink in a sealed travel mug or a bottle with a lid



## **Church Online**

 Will be available to any who can't make our in person gathering. The content will be from Trinity City, with a brief welcome and wrap up from Luke.



# **Trinity Kids**

Our Trinity Kids Program will run in the classrooms during the sermon and prayer time of the service. The kids will leave following the All Ages Spot and return to the service for the final songs.

Here are a few overarching principles for all our children no matter what age or stage they are at:

- Please do not bring your children if they are unwell in any way (cough, sneezing, runny nose) even if they do not appear sick
- We will be following physical distancing guidelines in our classrooms, this includes for each child and also adult to child ratios
- We will provide hand sanitiser and practise hand hygiene in our programs
- We anticipate that there will be times when we cannot run a program in the classrooms due to the leaders or their children being unwell on the day. When this happens there will be activity sheets available for your child to complete during the service. It would be great if you can bring a small pencil case with some coloured pencils for your child. We cannot provide shared resources
- Please bring a snack for your child to eat during the kids program in the classrooms

# Thanks for helping us be a COVIDSafe church!



# 3 Ways To Return Well

As we return to our gathering, it won't be like it was before. But lot's of things won't be changing either. Remember, this life isn't about comfort but Jesus. Going back isn't a time for complaining but being gracious and patient with others. And, we have new mission opportunities in front of us too. So let's not hold on to the nostalgia of the past, let's trust God with our future and get on living for him right now.



### 1. Invite

There has been a whole new back row of people watching us online. Many of whom you know personally. Reach out to them, let them know we will be back and invite them to church with you.

Use the social media graphics to help with this if you like. There are heaps of mission opportunities right in front of us at the moment.



## 2. Celebrate

It's going to feel a little different going back. And that's okay. But do celebrate that we are able to meet again as the people of God.

Be polite, courteous and ask one another how Jesus has been at work in their life during the lockdown. After all, we aren't just gathering to socialise, but to be a Jesus shaped community.



## 3. Pray

As you chat to others when you return to our gathering, ask how can you pray for them during the week, make a note and then commit to praying for them each day.