



PASTORAL GUIDELINES

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Bishop of Willochra

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Pastoral Guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula: Mount Rat

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During the suspension of gatherings for worship commencing on and including Sunday 29th March clergy and Lay Ministers with responsibility for pastoral care are expected to:

1. Maintain regular contact with members of the congregation by phone and email
2. Respond to pastoral needs
3. Ensure that they are easily contactable by phone at all times
4. Ensure that they check email communication from members of a congregation(s) at frequent intervals and respond promptly
5. Inform members of the congregation(s) of the availability of live- streamed worship either from the Cathedral or locally. (Plans are in progress)
6. If members of a congregation(s) need to self-isolate contact them to ensure that they have access to groceries, medication, etc.
7. Where it is permissible, and there are no symptoms of Coronavirus, make pastoral visits, ensuring that appropriate hygiene practices are followed - washing hands before a visit and immediately after a visit
- ~~8. Ensure that the Church building is open for individual prayer during the daytime. Make this known within the community~~
- ~~9. Ensure that appropriate surfaces in church buildings are sanitised - pews, doorknobs, altar rails, etc. to ensure the safety of people who may come to church for individual prayer~~

I recognize that the guidelines are not exhaustive, there are no doubt other things that could be done, please add to them as you see fit. This will be a busy time.

Members should:

1. Ensure that their contact details are known. (Phone, address and email)
2. If on Facebook – link to [Anglican Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula](#)
3. To get District Info – Subscribe to our Church Link - <https://tinyurl.com/church-link>
4. To share in the prayer ministry - Subscribe to district prayer list - <https://tinyurl.com/district-prayers>
5. Keep an eye on each other and observe the health guidelines.
6. Pray for our bishop, the clergy and lay ministers as we get through these difficult times.
7. If you would like to receive home communion contact the clergy

If you have problems, talk to someone about it