

Church communication update

Happy Monday my friends – and grace and peace to you!

As we move another week into what I'm sure will become the year to be known as the "year of Corona" or something like it, I'm really conscious that the sheer AMOUNT of information coming your way at the moment might feel totally overwhelming! And this is totally understandable! We are all learning new sets of skills, often new technologies – trying to teach our kids and parents and grandparents not to mention OURSELVES new ways of doing things. BUT – here we are, we are all doing it together – so well done to you if you've learned a new skill, new program, figured something out this week! Bravo!

One of real challenges facing our families at the moment, particularly those with young children, is how to communicate the reality of what we are dealing with in an honest way, without being alarming or over-inducing anxiety for our kids. To that end, over the weekend, one of the Dads of our church family (thanks Greg Lawrie) forwarded me a helpful, short video that is suitable for everyone, explaining the reality of what we're dealing with. If you have young children you might find it helpful to watch together – here's the link!

<https://www.calmkidcentral.com/covid-19/>

Once again, I'd like to say a massive THANK YOU for the way the community jumped on board in terms of engaging with our service on Sunday. In this season of uncertainty, the rhythm of our Sunday gathering is providing us with a great point of "gathering" and I just want to say thank you for the feedback, the photos, the questions, the follow up phone calls, the prayers of encouragement.

If, per chance, you "missed" the service – you can still catch it at the link below.
On our website - <https://kingsbaptist.org.au/im-new-here/sunday-services-online>
Via YouTube - <https://youtu.be/0VEAmmoXrtU>



I would also just like to draw your attention to the work of CareLink – as you can imagine this is a time for some real practical assistance, which CareLink is working to provide.

If you happen to be in a position where you are able to make a donation, can I encourage you to consider doing so (and a bonus - CareLink donations are tax deductible!) you can give online here - <https://www.giveway.org.au/bfsgiveway/carelink-ministries>

If you, or someone you know is struggling at the moment, CareLink is here to help – you can find out more, and communicate your need and request via the online form - <https://kingsbaptist.org.au/carelink>, or direct to Carelink carelink@kingsbaptist.org.au / 8289 5822.

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This weekend in the official church calendar is, as you would know “Palm Sunday” and so obviously that means that next weekend we will head towards what will be a very different Easter weekend than that which we are used to. However, as I spoke about on Sunday, may this season continue to be one where the “rubber” of our faith, meets the “road” of our hope. Let’s remember – if God IS for us, then who can be against us!?

" Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid " (John 14:27)

Grace, peace -

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