

St George's Anglican Church, Travancore

Opening up from Covid 19 December, and beyond

During December, 2020, the final stages of the move towards sustainable ways of holding worship services and organising other activities at St George's with increasing numbers of participants in both the church and the hall will be implemented.

At this stage, the maximum number of participants for activities in the church remain limited to no more than 40 and in the hall to 19.

Commencing on Sunday November 29, Advent Sunday, the maximum number of people who can worship inside the church will be 40. That is the maximum density quotient for the church based on the floor area of the church and the area per person being set at 4 sq. metres. Until the area per person is reduced in a later easing of restrictions, 40 will continue to be the maximum number in any church service inside the church for the foreseeable future, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Up to 100 hundred worshippers may attend outdoor services. It is not the practice at St George's to regularly worship outdoors. However, on Christmas Eve, we may do that for our 5:30 PM family-oriented Christmas Eve service, as long as the weather is suitable.

Since November 15, Groups hiring our hall have commenced meeting, under strict Covid-Safe protocols. These protocols involve the submission of a Covid-safe plan, meticulous attention to cleaning, handwashing, mask wearing, and distancing during activities. The maximum number of participants in these activities is 19, plus the person conducting the activity. Again, this number is based on the density quotient of the hall and the provision of 4 sq. metres per participant. Should the 4 sq. metre restriction be revised, the number of participants in activities in the hall may be able to be increased.

Watch our website (stgeorges.org.au) for changes as the regulations from government and from the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne evolve over coming weeks.

We will continue to provide various devotional activities on the website, and some in hard copy form, which can be carried out at home.

You are welcome to use our garden for appropriate, permitted activities keeping numbers in the garden well within the physical distancing recommendations.

To receive a weekly letter from me, the Vicar, please email me (see below) to have your email address added to the distribution list.

If you have any concerns or queries at all, or simply need or wish to talk to me, I can be reached on:

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