



Anglican Parish of  
**WaterlooBay**

ABN: 59370921554

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Church Southern Queensland

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Dear parishioner,

We are delighted to confirm that by God's grace we will start physical worship in both churches on 19th July. It has been a trying and difficult time for us all and we still have a long road ahead, but we're determined to take the first small steps to return to church life (regardless of how this may look in the future).

It will be a modest start to ensure we keep everyone safe and learn how to do it well. Our processes will be reviewed over the following weeks. The rules and regulations keep changing and are strict, but we must comply with them to be able to resume worship.

We will have three worship services on Sundays:

- St George's at 7.15am - in person service
- Zoom service online at 9.00 am
- St James at 9.30 – in person service

Although restrictions are easing, the basic features right now will be:

1. A limited number of parishioners will be invited to attend St George's and St James each Sunday. Our first priority will be to invite those parishioners from across our congregations who have not had access to our online Sunday services; however, everyone is welcome to register.
2. Each parishioner or family must register with the office and provide their full details to be able to attend (this information is kept for 56 days and then destroyed). They must also acknowledge that they do not have any cold or flu symptoms, sore throat, fever or respiratory distress. Once registered, if a parishioner falls ill, they must not attend the service.
3. Pews will be spaced apart and seats allocated to ensure the correct distancing between worshippers, but family members from one household may sit together.
4. There will be no morning tea after the services as the guidelines around this are the same ones that apply to restaurants and cafes. This is something we'll need to work through in the coming weeks.
5. Communion will be bread only placed in your hand. You will need to re-sterilise your hands immediately before receiving it.
6. Throughout the service and while arriving and departing you must agree to maintain the 1.5 metre social distancing. We will help you do that.



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Brian Blinco and John Bretz have been appointed our Covid Wardens to help with the smooth running of services and oversee the detailed cleaning of the churches after each service.

As part of having parishioners in church buildings, we are obliged by the government to present the following information to all who wish to attend church:

**Government advice for people in vulnerable groups continues to be:**

- Avoid non-essential travel.
- Stay at home and avoid contact with others.

**Who are in the vulnerable groups:**

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older with one or more chronic medical conditions.
- People 65 years and older with chronic medical conditions. (Conditions included in the definition of 'chronic medical conditions' will be refined as more evidence emerges. The most current list can be accessed on the Department of Health website).
- People 70 years and older.
- People with compromised immune systems

So we can get organised, if you would like to register to attend a service, could you either ring the office or fill out the information below and submit it please.

**Full name:**

**Phone:**

**Email address:**

**Physical address if you do not have an email address:**

Please also acknowledge you have read and understood the government advice pertaining to vulnerable groups and that you are aware that you must not attend a service if you have any cold or flu symptoms, sore throat, fever or respiratory distress.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we try to find the right path for all of us to return to fulfilling worship as soon as safely possible.

Blessings,

Rob, Laura and Annmaree  
Your Church Wardens