



Hi Church Family,

We are so thankful that for the sixth day in row WA has recorded zero COVID-19 cases. However, sadly, with the serious situation in Victoria and with NSW's cases being closely monitored our Premier announced a further delay in moving to Phase 5 until at least 15 August. Phase 5 will see the removal of all restrictions. Therefore at this stage our moving to Phase 5 is not certain but subject to government review based on national infection rates.

We have been prayerfully considering our response and direction as a church. While all our mid-week ministries have commenced or have definite start up dates (under Phase 4) the only gap is our Sunday celebration services at Booragoon.

When Phase 5 was imminent (originally planned to commence on 19 July, then 2 August) our intent was to move forward cautiously and wait until Phase 5 to recommence our Booragoon Sunday services. In the meantime our Sunday@Home recorded services have been a great blessing.

Now with today's announcement from our Premier pushing out Phase 5 again to an unknown future date, we believe it's time for us to set a date for Booragoon services to recommence under Phase 4 restrictions to give some certainty, particularly in light of there not being community transmission in WA. We don't feel we can wait indefinitely for Phase 5 to commence and we believe we can make arrangements to safely recommence under Phase 4 restrictions.

Today we make **two significant announcements:**

- We will recommence our **Sunday morning celebration services at Booragoon on 9 August.** Our Auditorium under Phase 4 restrictions can accommodate 330 people in each of our two services (8:30am and 10:30am) allowing 660 to meet in total. There will be a need to register for the service you would like to attend, and we will need support to ensure our COVID-19 Safety Plan is implemented. This means the 2 square metre per person rule remains with 1.5 metre social distancing, along with cleaning between services.
- There will be a church family **picnic lunch from 11am on Sunday 2 August**, open to all to come and catch-up at the upper level of the picnic area at Point Walter. This will be a BYO picnic (bring own food, chairs, games etc.) and a great opportunity to connect, the week before we commence services.

### **Sunday@Home**

Graham Mabury will bring the message titled "**The Power of Encouragement: Be Devoted.**"

The sermon and supporting material, including songs and children's resources are available on our **Sunday@Home** webpage.



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There will be a Missional Links spot in our service where we will hear from James Kozina from Open Doors, a significant ministry to the persecuted church. Open Doors began in 1955 when Brother Andrew smuggled bibles into Eastern Europe and is now active in over 70 countries. We have been engaged with the ministry for many years and now through James are continuing our prayer and financial support to the persecuted church.

For prayer requests please [click here](#)

### **SaturdayNight@Cooby**

The Cooby message "**Knowing God**" preached by Peter Christofides will be available on our Sunday@Home page [click here](#).

This is a real tribute to JI Packer, the famous theologian who died last Friday at the age of 93 years. He was well known for his book "**Knowing God**" which has sold over 1.2 million copies. Sue and I attend Jim's 82nd birthday celebration while studying at Regent College, where he taught for nearly 40 years. He died across the street from Regent College in the UBC Hospital.

### **A Word in Season**

This week's devotional in our series "**A Word in Season**" was given by Mim Hosking and can be accessed [here](#)

### **Church Offerings**

There are several giving options listed on our [Giving page](#):

- You can give through the [Church App](#) or [Click here](#)
- Cash or cheques can be delivered to our Church Office Reception:  
Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm.
- If you donated to the Building Funds during the tax year ended 30 June 2020 you should have received your tax receipt either by email or through the post.

### **Other Matters**

If you have any pastoral care needs please contact us at the Church Office by [email](#) or by phone 9329 1777.

We look forward to the church family meeting all together in our Booragoon services on 9 August, and catching up on 2 August at the church picnic. Till then keep safe, stay connected and have a great weekend.

God bless

Simon Ford

### **Executive Pastor**