

Church Update 28 January 2022



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Dear Church Family,

With the Covid pandemic continuing to affect our day to day lives we feel it's important to keep you updated in relation to how the unfolding Omicron spread impacts our church gatherings. The views expressed in this note are strongly supported by the Ministry Leaders' Team and the Church Board, and together we continue to seek the Lord's ongoing guidance on all such matters. Sadly, issues related to vaccination and the decision not to be vaccinated, are dividing families and churches all over the world. As a leadership we are determined not to allow such issues to divide us. We are one in Christ, and our position summarised below comes from a heart of love, and concern for ongoing unity within the Body of Christ.

- All are welcome to attend our services, regardless of vaccination status.
- We are following government health advice and will continue to do so.
- We are also taking advice and direction from the Baptist Ministry Centre.
- We will continue to encourage mask wearing, sanitizing and social distancing where possible, and believe that with these measures in place, risk from the unvaccinated is low.
- Responsibility lies with those who have health concerns to determine whether they should gather. We intend to provide a quality streaming service for those who for any reason are uneasy about gathering in larger numbers.

These are complex issues and therefore difficult waters to navigate. As I write this note the words of Paul from Ephesians 4 come to mind. *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* May the Lord continue to bind us together in love and guide us into the future by His Spirit.

Blessings,

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