

Dear Church Family,

With the alarming escalation of conflict in the Ukraine, devastating floods in the Eastern States and the rising wave of Omicron locally, we can easily begin to feel overwhelmed! In recent days the prayer of David in Psalm 61 has been a source of great comfort to me:

"Hear my cry O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe." Psalm 61:1-3

As you know, recent government restrictions mean that our usual Sunday morning gatherings are currently untenable. Therefore, as a leadership we propose to maintain an online service through our Sunday@Home facility until the end of March, at which time we will review the situation before communicating ongoing plans. Services at our Thornlie Campus can proceed as usual, complying fully with current government directives.

As we have often said, now is not the time to disconnect, so be encouraged to engage with your Connect Group and with ministries during the week as you are able. We are thankful that so much of the life of the church is able to proceed. Ministries including Women in the Word, Flourish, Men's Bible Study, Craft, Tumble Tots, Switched on Seniors, Youth and SALT continue to meet in-person. The College continues to function as usual, and Seeds Books & Gifts, Infuse Cafe, and The Reading Room remain open during the week.

So, we hope you'll join us for Sunday@Home this Sunday morning via this link and please make good use of the excellent family resources that have been prepared by our MPK team here. Even if at present we cannot gather together in the way we are accustomed to, we pray that you will know the nearness of the Spirit of God through this challenging time.

Blessings,

Nick Scott Senior Pastor