

## Church Update 18 March 2022



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Dear Church Family,

It's often been said that there are 365 references in the Bible to the phrase "Fear Not!" Perhaps one for every day of the year. Certainly there is comfort and encouragement for us here, often with the accompanying line, "...for the Lord is with you!" With COVID cases increasing and growing uncertainty on the global stage, these words are something for us to cling to – Fear not, for the Lord your God is with you!

Whilst we miss being together face to face, I hope you're engaging with the Sunday@Home services which are a blessing amid current restrictions. This Sunday, Dan Rodgers will speak in our 'Being Like Jesus' series, with a focus on being discerning. You can access family activities and join this service from 8.30am on Sunday morning via [this link](#). Our Thornlie Campus family will continue to meet in person.

The current COVID reality has presented us with a number of challenges as a church family. One key challenge which is of genuine, urgent concern is a financial one. You may have noticed from last week's Together Weekly that offerings for the first two months of 2022 are considerably below budget which has continued a trend from late last year. I want to encourage us all to prayerfully review our giving to the Lord's work at MPBC. We know there are many needs in our own families and communities, and while we are unable to meet, perhaps some have overlooked regular offering commitments.

As always, we trust the Lord for his provision – He has been so faithful to us over many years, and we will seek to manage wisely the resources He provides. But please join us in praying about this financial need, and may the Lord sustain us all through this time. Blessings,

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