



## ANGLICAN PARISH OF BOX HILL

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# Staying connected at the Anglican Parish of Box Hill (during the Covid-19 Pandemic) March 2020

While our church buildings are closed and our face-to-face activities are suspended our church community continues.

### **Pastoral Care:**

The pastoral care team will be ringing all parishioners listed on the parish roll at least once a week, checking in on how things are keeping and whether there are issues or matters with which we can help.

### **Worship:**

We encourage all parishioners to pray at home, using the order of worship created for each Sunday which is on our website, at the time they would regularly attend worship at St Peters. We are also encouraging everyone to light a candle at 7pm and place it on a window-sill and say the prayer issued by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. This action is in solidarity with other Christians around the world asking for God's intervention in this time of crisis. The bell at St Peter's will be rung each day at 5pm for a few minutes as a sign of our presence praying in the community. Our website will also have a simple morning and evening prayer service (created by the Church of England) that can be used

### **Donations of food:**

We encourage parishioners to continue to buy basic food items that can be given to those in need in our community. These can be left at the Undercroft on a Saturday morning from 9am to 10am.

### **Financial Contributions:**

We encourage parishioners to give their offerings to church by direct debit. A form outlining how to do this is on our website.

### **Future developments:**

A parish Facebook page will go live on Tuesday 31 March as another means of staying connected during this pandemic. The clergy and leaders of the parish are working towards having live streaming worship in English for Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day)