

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

June 3



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Dear Brothers and Sisters

The latest news and information from the Diocese.

The Archbishop's weekly video

"Hearing God's voice in a confused world", this week's video, is found [here](#).

We remind you that diocesan information and resources related to the pandemic is on the diocesan website under four main headings: online church, wellbeing, resources for ministry and mission, diocesan information, see [here](#). These pages also include the COVID-safe [checklist](#) for parishes and other links.

Singing

In addition to last week's statement on congregational singing and choirs, for videoing or livestreaming a service with no congregation present, a few singers, standing at least 3m apart and not facing anyone, is acceptable, but still limit the amount of singing.

Home meetings

We are seeking advice on the legal status of homegroups but, for the time being, any groups in people's homes must maintain the 4sqm per person rule.

Playgroups and children's ministry

Children's and youth ministry activities can resume under the normal rules of social distancing, hygiene, cleaning and recording of attendees. A checklist is on the website

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[here](#) for use in restarting children's and youth ministry activities. COVID-Safe children's posters are found [here](#) on our website.

Op shops

Op shops may now open for public trading if:

- Parish council has resolved to re-open its op shop.
- An op shop COVID-safe plan has been sent to registrar@melbourneanglican.org.au.

The parish op shop COVID-safe plan should be a brief document which has considered the vulnerability of staff and volunteers and demonstrates adherence to [State Government regulations](#) for social distancing and cleaning retail premises. The key points are summarised on our website [here](#).

Clergy and ASLM wellbeing: Mindfulness workshop

The Rev'd Dr Michelle Trebilcock is leading a workshop webinar on mindfulness on Tuesday, June 16, at 3.30pm. Michelle is chaplain to the Brotherhood of St Laurence. Details can be found [here](#), including for registration.

Sign in Safe App

Sign in Safe is a web-based application that allows people to scan a QR code as they enter and leave your church building. The application logs their name and phone number as well as the date and time of entry and exit. It can be used for services, meetings, or even to record staff coming and going from your site. The application has been developed by Bree Mills (Associate Minister at Glen Waverley) and a team of developers and designers. The application will go live on Monday, June 15, but they are keen to release it early for some Beta users to test it at churches. It is a low-cost, contactless solution that requires no new technology purchase and can be used on any site. All you need to do is print a provided poster with your unique IN and OUT codes and you will be set to go. There is a small set up cost, and monthly fee to cover the technology and development. Email Bree Mills for more information info@signinsafe.io and see the website [here](#).

Coordinating care for vulnerable people during COVID-19

Please do not forget to complete the brief [survey](#) on coordinating care for vulnerable people during COVID-19, developed in partnership with Anglicare Victoria, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and Benetas.

Financial Hardship

For clergy in financial hardship now or in the future, please speak with your bishop about applying for some help through a trust fund.



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Brian Rosner, Principal of Ridley, has a paper on 'The coronavirus as a wilderness experience', linked on our website [here](#).

Pastoral Ministry

The Rev'd Chris Morris, Anglican chaplain to the Alfred, has a brief [video](#) on chaplaincy during these times.

TMA

The Melbourne Anglican has been online only in April, May and June. Please ensure parishioners can find the June TMA at this [link](#) by the end of this week.

Translations

A Dinka translation of last week's COVID update by video is [here](#).

If you need other translations, or have any, please send them to Bishop Paul Barker.

Webinar: Social media engagement for churches

Led by Evan Englezos; **Thursday June 4, 10am**

Increase your impact with social media to mobilise your church and wider community.

This live workshop will guide you on:

- 1) How to be seen and heard by your church and new audiences
- 2) How to set up consistent online content and processes (and save time doing it)
- 3) How to identify and empower the right people to work with you on your online presence

Register [here](#).

Webinar: Multifaith responses to COVID-19: Governing in a crisis

Thursday, June 11, 4pm – 5.15pm

[RSVP online](#) by Monday, June 8

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PVAW and Reconciliation

[Watch this video](#) with Brooke Prentis, CEO of Common Grace, and Robyn Boosey, manager of the Diocese of Melbourne's Preventing Violence Against Women Programme, and find out more about National Reconciliation Week 2020, prevention of violence, and our part as Christians in moving towards reconciliation.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Freier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Archbishop Philip Freier