

**ADVICE REGARDING COVID-19**  
as at 13 March 2020  
High Street Uniting Church, Frankston

Dear all,

In the light of the evolving situation with regards to the COVID-19 virus, please note the following advice with regards to our worship, witness and service.

1. As people following Christ's way, we are called to generosity, compassion and prayer. Let us continue in prayer for all of those who have been infected or experienced the loss of loved ones due to this virus. No one in our own community has been directly affected or exposed to my knowledge.
2. Worship will continue on Sunday mornings at this stage. We will employ simple hygiene practices like using a "namaste" greeting instead of a handshake and using small individual cups when Holy Communion is celebrated. If you are concerned that you may be unwell, or if you are anxious about the possibility of picking up the virus, by all means stay away; the Traditional worship is video-taped and will be available on the website later in the week. However worship will still be taking place - this kind of gathering is not currently considered to be necessary to avoid.
3. Pastoral care will need to be attended to carefully. If you are intending to visit someone who may be vulnerable or who may have been exposed to the virus it would be wise to phone beforehand. Of course, only visit if you have not had any known exposure to the virus or display any symptoms.
4. If you are in self-isolation, please let us know – either call your Elder (for Traditional congregation members), one of the COG members, the office (9783 3400), or me (0407 861 092). If you need help with food (or toilet paper!) please don't hesitate to ask and we will do what we can.

God is our refuge and our strength (Psalm 46:1). With grace and care we will navigate this time, with love for one another just as Christ has first loved us.

Peace and grace,

David