**Devonport Anglican Church**

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Initial Phone notification Parish Members with Phone only – 17.3.2020

Important messages:

All of the following are in an attempt to keep everyone safe, but without panicking. If you are a ‘point of contact’ person for other church members, please pass this information along to them as well. Written copies of this information will be made available soon. The Bishop sent out a Pastoral Letter today outlining these points, and more detail as well. We will make copies of that available soon.

#1 All Sunday services are cancelled as of today, until further notice. We are looking at ways of continuing to provide some sort of ongoing ‘worship activity’ for people, but that will depend on what we are able to achieve, and what people are looking for.

#2 Church gatherings of over 10 people will not be permitted, and for those smaller than 10, ‘Social Distancing’ practices will be followed:

-keeping a distance between people

-no physical contact

-coughs and sneezes into elbows or sleeves

-wash and/or sanitize hands often and regularly

#3 Wed Morning service, Morning Tea and Lenten Study groups going ahead *for now,* but following ‘social distancing’ measures, and will be reassessed in the future. Sunday night group NOT meeting this coming Sunday, but may re-start the following week.

#4 Nursing homes, home communions, and home visits will cease. Pastoral needs will hopefully be met over the phone.

#5 The Office will be open ‘minimally’, but messages can be left on the office answering machine, or Helen’s or John’s phone

#6 Those with email are going to be contacted regularly by email. For those of you without email, small groups of people will be allocated to a ‘network’ of phoners, who will contact you at times to pass on information, and they can report back any issues or problems you might be experiencing. We hope to be able to produce a weekly Bulletin and leave it in your letterbox.

#7 Do you have any questions? Please feel free to contact me or the office *any time.*