



Holy Trinity Church Brisbane Street

ANGLICAN CHURCH DUBBO

Including

Holy Trinity, St John's Emmagool, Coboco, Walkabout Ministry and Westside Chapel



Diocese of Bathurst

28th April 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. We thought we would update you as to some important management matters that Parish Council has been working on over the last 6 weeks.

The impact of COVID 19 on our Parish is significant. The ability to meet, pray, read the Bible and grow in our faith together through our regular services has been interrupted. Brett and the Ministry Team are doing a magnificent job of providing regular support to our Parish in many ways, including by using technology for our services.

One of the other impacts that you may not have thought about is the financial impacts on the Parish from COVID 19.

To set the scene, enclosed is a letter from Bishop Mark. In this letter our Bishop raises an important point, that we would also like to raise with you. The Wardens and Treasurer endorse Bishop Mark's requests to encourage fellow parishioners to continue to maintain regular financial offerings for the work of our Parish.

At the February Parish Council endorsed our 2020 Budget. Soon after this, with the changes caused by COVID 19, we had to revisit this budget. We have reduced many costs and through the Diocese will access some Government assistance. At the recent April meeting we endorsed our new budget.

Despite many changes we have made, the reduction in our income is substantial.

There are three important ways that we can respond to these challenges:

Please pray:

For Our Ministry team led by Brett and Michelle and for all of those who contribute to the work of God in our Parish during the COVID 19 challenges. Please pray for all those in our Parish, particularly for the Elderly and isolated.

Our Op Shop

The Wardens and Parish Council see the Op Shop as performing a significant ministry for many in our community heavily impacted by COVID 19, particularly with winter approaching. People need quality, attractively priced warm clothing during these difficult times.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, opening hours have been affected. Many current volunteers are also in a vulnerable age group, reducing our capacity to open. New volunteers would be most welcome to maintain this most valuable Parish and Community resource.

Please phone Mrs. Wendy Herd on 6884 4990 or htdubbo@bigpond.com for more information on volunteering.

By maintaining our giving:

With the cancellation of all regular services, Open Plate contributions has been impacted. The impact of reduced giving on the Parish is substantial.

With the reduced contributions from our giving and reduced Op Shop hours your ongoing support and regular weekly/fortnightly offerings to the Parish is greatly appreciated and encouraged.

To enable your continued financial support of our Parish, please see the following revised processes for your ongoing giving. The Parish, Dubbo Anglican Church, may receive these donations as follows:-

Electronic Funds Transfer: EFT – highly recommended as safe, private and efficient.

Name of Account: Anglican Church Dubbo, **BSB:** 112-879, **Account No:** 412372724.

Deposit your weekly/fortnightly offerings at the Parish Office, during office hours
(preferably in a dated and sealed envelope).

A Wardens' Fortnightly Collection service (Tony Wheatland & Michelle Lyons jointly) –
(this option is only for those who are seriously house bound, or mobility challenged)

In these challenging times when our lives can be affected or changed from day to day, we are assured in God's Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us; that He never changes and that we are conquerors through Christ and can never be separated from God's love by anything, certainly not by COVID-19!

For God's work and our clergy's ministry to continue in our Parish, your continued support is needed for this to happen.

Please consider the giving options outlined above, pray and allow your generosity to keep on giving.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rector's Warden, Tony Wheatland

People's Wardens, Michelle Lyons and Narelle Lloyd

Parish Treasurer, Mark Gardner

***NB** At the time of writing this letter, the Op Shop may not be open each week day. Please phone Holy Trinity Office on 6884 4990 to check the days the Op Shop may be open.