

1 INTRODUCTION

Given the uncertainty about when WA might move from Phase 4 to Phase 5 (currently scheduled for Saturday 14 August but already delayed twice) the leadership has taken the decision to run two services on Sunday mornings for the month of August, and beyond if necessary. These services will be at 8:00AM and 10:00AM with a combined morning tea for all in the middle (at 9:00AM). The two services will be identical in form, although we're only offering children's ministry at the latter service.

2 DETAILED PROPOSAL

8:00AM-9:00AM

Service w/o Children's Ministry

9:00AM-10:00AM

Combined Morning Tea

10:00AM-11:00AM

Service w/ Children's Ministry

The main restriction we are struggling with under Phase 4 is that of having 2m² per 'patron' in our buildings. This means we can have 50 people in the Church Building and 37 in the Ministry Centre.

So, we have tentatively assigned our members to the two services, which has been simplified by the fact that we're only offering children's ministry at the latter service (so we assume that families with dependent children will go to that one). See APPENDIX II: TENTATIVE SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, which will be included with this document in the eNews but not on the church website.

Hopefully it goes without saying that no one *has* to go to the service to which you've been tentatively assigned. If you want to go to the other service, please contact Steve Combe to speak about that.

Basically, we are trying to keep the two services reasonably even (in fact, we'd prefer to see most of our members at the 8:00AM service) to maximise room for unexpected newcomers and visitors.

The morning tea in the middle will be combined, i.e. it will be for all church members, whichever service they attend. We hope this will help with the relational difficulty of being divided into two services. We also hope this will make things easy for families with dependent children, since the period those families will spend on-site will be close to what it was before (i.e. 9:00AM to 11:00AM).

This has all come about quickly so there will almost certainly be 'hiccups', but here are some ways you can help ensure that Sundays will go as smoothly (and therefore be as encouraging) as possible:

- Pray for our church's flexibility and faithfulness at this time.
- Read and follow our COVID-19 Phase 4 Guidelines (see APPENDIX I).
- Arrive at your service / morning tea on-time or earlier if possible.
- Welcome newcomers (this makes life much easier for staff).
- Keep an eye on the roster and contact Steve promptly about changes.
- Keep an eye out for things you can help with, e.g. cleaning.
- Keep up-to-date by reading the church eNews each week.

3 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I'm a newcomer / visitor! Which service should I attend?

The short answer is: whichever one you like. We are working to keep attendance at both services below the occupancy limit so that there will always be room for newcomers / visitors to join us.

How long will this arrangement last?

We are currently planning to run two services every Sunday in August. If restrictions shift from Phase 4 to Phase 5 as scheduled (on 14 August) we will have the option of returning to a single 9:00AM service after that point (e.g. at the beginning of September) but we will see how we go. It may be that we stay on Phase 4 for some time and will therefore have two services for the foreseeable future.

Can I attend whichever service I want on a Sunday?

The short answer is: yes, if we have room. We understand that some of our members (e.g. shift workers) may not be able to attend the same service every Sunday, and we're happy to see them whenever they can come. Having said that, if you are able to commit to one service, we encourage you to do so, especially if it looks like we'll be continuing with this arrangement beyond August.

Will people on the Sunday Service Roster (SSR) have to attend both services?

By and large, no. We have updated the SSR to reflect the two services, and so there will usually be different Bible Readers, Prayer Leaders, etc. for each service. Please check the roster (link below) and let Steve Combe know as soon as possible if you are unable to serve as the roster indicates.

<https://broomeanglican.church/index.php/roster/>

What will be happening with the live-stream / North West Live?

To help us cope with the extra effort of running two services in quick succession on Sunday mornings in August, we have decided not to live-stream at all for that month. People who cannot join us on-site for any reason (e.g. illness) can still view a live-stream service in our diocese at this website:

<https://www.anglicandnwa.org/north-west-live>

Does any of this affect the ministry of the Peoples Church in any way?

Not much. The main difference is that, in the past, some BAC and BPC members would attend two services, but for the time being we are gently encouraging everyone to attend only one service, to help keep us under our occupancy limits. This, of course, does not apply to those who may attend a second service to serve in a particular way, e.g. driving the bus or helping with children's ministry.

Why is the furniture in the church building backwards and when will it be put back?

With the previous building configuration, our occupancy limit was 35 people. With the new one, it's 50 people, because we're not seating people in the 'chancel' and 'sanctuary' areas. We are unlikely to return to the previous configuration anytime soon, because, without COVID, it adds about 35 seats to our space and therefore helps a great deal with our annual Dry Season capacity problem.

APPENDIX I: COVID-19 PHASE 4 GUIDELINES



Please stay home if you have symptoms of respiratory illness.



Please accept hand sanitiser upon entry to church buildings.



Please try to maintain physical distancing (1.5 metres).



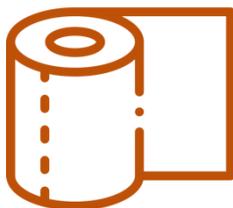
Please take children directly to Ministry Centre at 11:00AM.



No self-serve food or beverages. Follow food hygiene procedures.



All contact surfaces to be sanitised after every service.



We cannot guarantee the sanitation of the resroom.



Bring your own Bible (or download the ESV app).



Church giving electronically or via 'mailbox' in building.

CHURCH BUILDING

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MINISTRY CENTRE

37

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