

Prayer of the week:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your face that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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WEEK ENDING 4 OCTOBER 2020



MINISTRY DURING THE PANDEMIC

All Saints Kooyong

In 2020, our plans for our Church activities have altered drastically. We have put a halt to our normal Church services and fellowship, where we have been unable to have breakfast or lunch together, as well as hold our retreat. We have hardly seen each other this whole year, however, we have fortunately continued to keep in contact through forms of technology including WhatsApp, Zoom, email, and other applications. Through this, our Church services have been able to be resumed online using Zoom.

During the pandemic, our traditional English service which is organised by Rev Lachlan Thompson, on average has increased in attendance. The second service which is our contemporary Indonesian/English service has been doing well. Individuals from overseas have also joined and participated in the Sunday service. The third service led by Rev Daniel Abraham for the Indonesian City and Springvale congregations have also been doing well. Our Sunday School has continued online.

To keep our parishioners connected, we have also conducted other activities including weekly prayer meetings through Zoom. Keeping in touch with one another has been very important to reduce stress, boredom and anxiety.

In addition to our online Sunday School lessons, we have introduced a "Children's Informal Gathering" on Zoom during the weekdays. The purpose of the informal gathering is to have a casual discussion where the children can talk and discuss topics such as their schooling, homework and life. This new program has found itself to be very successful. It has been led by our Sunday School team, Hee Young, Arielle and Rama.

As it has been a difficult time during Covid-19 for everyone, we have lent a hand to not only our Church members but also other individuals who especially have difficulties with the English language. We have provided assistance regarding the information about job seeker, job keeper, superannuation, student visa, work permit, etc. We have also helped the people in Indonesia who are in need. Through Yayasan Rusman (Foundation), we have given aid through food donations and financial assistance in order to pay for schooling needs, universities fees, etc. In Indonesia, there have also been clergies who have encountered financial difficulties, where we have been able to assist them.

Overall, this year in All Saints Kooyong, we have been blessed as we have not only been able to reach out to one another, however, the Lord has also given us the opportunity to help others here in Victoria as well as overseas. The Lord be with us.

- The Reverend Kuncoro Rusman

ADoM WEBSITE RESOURCES

Spiritual, Psychological & Emotional Wellbeing

There are a few new resources recently added to this online resource including;

'Trauma-Informed Ministry for times like these...' webinar hosted by Bishop Kate Prowd, with Revd Hilary Ison and Revd Dr. Carla A. Grosch-Miller on 18 August 2020. To see the video [click here](#).

Acedia: A helpful article describing spiritually, the flat and listless emotions we may be experiencing during the pandemic. To view the article [click here](#).

WEBINAR

Social Enterprise as Faith in Action in the time of COVID-19 and beyond

How do we encourage mission and ministry in these changed times? The contribution of social enterprise will be increasingly important given the economic consequences of the Pandemic. This webinar will give you tools, tips and ideas for engaging and impacting your community and its needs in partnership with our agencies.

An opportunity to network with like-minded people. You will be able to learn from and build on the strengths of what is already happening as we play our part together in shaping a new normal for the church and for the community.



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