



NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

19 March 2020

Dear Members of Beit HaMashiach,

Shalom and blessings to you in Yeshua our Passover Lamb! At this time we do well to remember that God redeemed the children of Israel living in Egypt through the blood of the Passover lambs painted on the doorposts of their houses. In the same way, Yeshua our Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us, and we too apply the blood of the Lamb to our lives by faith. Through him we pass over from death to life and his blood avails for us. Hallelujah!

In light of the challenges that we are all facing because of the threat of the coronavirus, I would like to keep you informed as to decisions that we have made to date:

1. With much prayer and consideration of the wellbeing of all members of our Beit HaMashiach community, we have regrettably decided to close both Shabbat services to congregants until further notice. Our services, both the 8:30am and 10:30am, will be broadcast by livestream video to our website so that you will be able to view them through your smartphone, tablet, personal computer, or Smart TV.

You can watch our services live and online from your home, and join together in worship of our Messiah. Please let others know about this too and remember we already audio record our sermons. They are available at www.beithamashiach.com/resources

For regular updates and information, please keep informed through our website www.beithamashiach.com and Facebook page accordingly.

2. If you are unwell in any way, please see a doctor, and remain vigilant and keep us informed as we really would like to be able to support you, and pray for you.

3. The Celebrate Messiah Passover Banquet at St Kilda Town Hall on 9 April has been cancelled, and we have decided to invite as many people as possible to a Virtual Passover to be video streamed live on the internet. Details of this will follow in the next few days, and we'll keep you posted on the Celebrate Messiah website www.celebratemessiah.com.au

I hope that you are able to follow the advice of the government at this time to mitigate the threat of the virus by staying home. We realise that this may result in some of you feeling lonely and isolated. Please let us know if there is something we can do to help you at this time.

What you can do

Some of you have asked how you can serve and support the congregation of Beit HaMashiach. There are some things you can do. For instance, you may be able to call, encourage and pray for folks in the congregation, or perhaps you'll be able to go shopping for those who cannot be out in the public at all. If you are available to help in any way, please let us know by replying to this email.

Can I also please ask the congregation to continue the giving of your tithes and offerings. It is of course best if you can set up a regular payment so it is not dependant on your attendance or memory. You can do this on our [website here](#).

In general, please make sure you follow all the recommendations on personal hygiene and social distancing including to:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.
- Cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser, and
- If unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people).
- For more detailed health information [click here](#).

Dear friends, we are endeavouring to respond to the coronavirus threat with both faith and wisdom. One thing is for sure, we do not have to panic because, "... God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7, ESV)

We realise, however, that many are concerned, so please let us know how we can pray for you. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace, and let us use this opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Yeshua the Messiah.

His blood avails for us, and our loved ones, at all times.

"You know that you were redeemed from the futile way of life handed down from your ancestors—not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with precious blood like that of a lamb without defect or spot, the blood of Messiah." (1 Peter 1:18–19, TLV)

Yours together in Yeshua's love

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