

# JULY 2020 | SRT ANGLICAN NEWSLETTER

*Living and Sharing the Good News of Jesus*



## Church & COVID: What Next?

Praise God for zero COVID infections in Tasmania!  
With the easing of restrictions, our church community can meet in different ways.

### RESUMING IN PERSON SERVICES

Our first services will be taking place in mid-late July. Capacities will be limited, and local church leaders will be in contact with members to facilitate attendance.

**Southern Beaches:** July 19 (TBC), 3pm

**Sorell:** July 28, 10am

**Richmond:** Joining Sorell over winter

**Tasman:** TBC

More info will be provided to congregations closer to the date.

### HOME MEETINGS

Throughout July we encourage people to meet in homes for Sundays and midweek small groups.

Please observe good hygiene practices.

**If you have questions about meeting for church please contact Rev Joel Kettleton.**

**Sunday 10am Services** can be found on our [YouTube page](#), or linked our church Facebook pages.

## OVERVIEW:

- Church & COVID: What Next?
- New Sermon Series
- Home Church
- This month's readings

### From the Rector

Winter - it's dark. Recently, I drove past MONA at night and Noah noticed the giant pillar of light, 'Spectra', beaming into the night sky. As only a child can do, he asked 'What's that for?'

We said it's designed to pierce the blackness of night, to give people a sense of hope. It also reminded us that Jesus is the world's Light, and he's called us to shine as a city on a hill to people living in darkness. Whose life needs Jesus' light in your world, and how could God use you shine his love? Good things to pray about!

Blessings, Rev Joel Kettleton

## NEW SERMON SERIES

We hope you've enjoyed the first 3 chapters of Revelation - understanding the past, present, and future as revealed by Jesus. Over the next 4 weeks, we'll be doing a quick overview of some of the other important plot points in the rest of Revelation.

If you have any questions about the passages, or something jumps out at you from a sermon, why not get in contact with us, either by phone, email or Facebook?

## HOME CHURCH

As restrictions have lifted to allow more people to meet face to face in homes, members of our churches have met together in homes for worship and to engage with our online content. Jamie Bester has hosted a regular small gathering over the last few weeks, and is going to share about his experience:



**What does a small Sunday gathering in your home look like?**

We treat it almost like a regular service. We open with an introduction and prayer followed by a couple of songs. We then read the scriptures together before hitting play on the TV. After the sermon we respond with another song before diving into a deep discussion around how the sermon changes our heart and what that means for our lives.

**Images:**  
*Families meeting together with members of our Youth Ministry Team in Forcett and Carlton.*



## HOME CHURCH (CONT.)



**Image:** *The Bester's Shed is set up for meeting together, with hand washing and plenty of seats.*

### **How have you seen people respond?**

People were very keen to start gathering together again and these small groups have seen them going very deep in the discussions. People love the opportunity to be in a smaller group where they can learn but also participate. We have already connected a couple of unbelievers into our small groups!

### **What have you learned about church through these small gatherings?**

We have been meeting in these small groups since SBA started so they feel established for us. One of the big benefits is these groups help us to disciples each other in practical ways. People literally get to practice being disciples as they evangelise, serve and love other people.

### **How will you apply some of the innovations from COVID to the next phase of church life, particularly at SBA?**

I think most of what we have done during Covid is not transferable in the next phase of Church life. We continue to encourage small communities on mission as the most valuable way to make and grow disciples. Online has been necessary but is not something we want to carry through. Nothing can replace the power of discipleship as others observe what it looks like to be the family of God.

### Prayer Points

1. For God's people to grow through meeting in homes
2. For new leaders to emerge

## DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you are in need of any sort of help, whether it's personal, financial, or spiritual, please contact us.

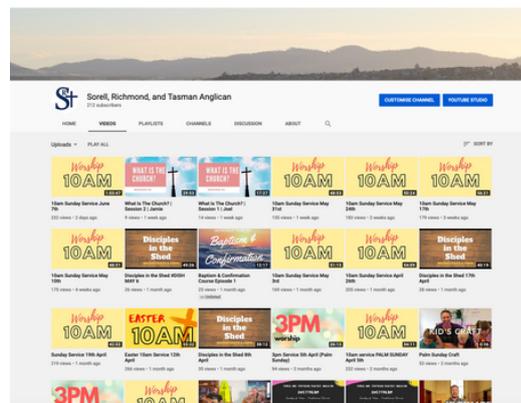
## FIND US ONLINE

Online services can be found on YouTube:

[youtube.com/sorellrichmondandtasmananglican](https://youtube.com/sorellrichmondandtasmananglican)

Want to catch up on a previous sermon?

We've started uploading just the Bible readings and sermon from our previous series 'What is the Church?'



## JULY READINGS



**July 5 Revealed: Philadelphia**

Luke 12:35-48

Revelation 3:7-13

**July 12 Revealed: Laodicea**

Hebrews 12:3-10

Revelation 3:14-22

**July 19 Hold On: Heaven**

Revelation 4

Revelation 5

**July 26 Hold On: Spiritual Warfare**

Revelation 12:1-9

Revelation 12:10-17



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