

**Coronavirus COVID-19 Update 2**  
**23 March 2020 – 5.00pm**

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Further to my update this morning, we have now heard from the General Synod Office and accessed the directive from the WA Department of Health which makes it absolutely clear that all places of worship (which means premises used for religious activities such as a chapel or church) **must close effective immediately** (as per the Emergency Management Act 2005 [WA]-<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/closure-of-certain-places-of-business-worship-and-entertainment-direction>). The only exemptions are for funerals or weddings which must comply with the rules regarding public gatherings.

This means no services of worship and no gatherings of groups may take place in any of our church buildings.

Thank you for your patience and care as we manage this next stage of responsible citizenship and creative ministry.

Peace and grace

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**The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO | Archbishop**