

## MODERATOR'S PASTORAL MESSAGE COVID-19

DELTA VARIANT IN OUR COMMUNITY



Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and our saviour.

Once more we find ourselves facing the storm of Covid-19 only this time we are shaken further by the Delta variant that is far more transmissible than any before. Please do not feel helpless in the face of this immense problem and the trouble it brings to us individually, as a Church, community and country.

Lean on your faith and each other. Together we will overcome. "I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction." Psalm 31:7.

Take care of yourself and your family. We need more than ever to stay in our bubbles and follow the requirements to stay home if we are not essential workers. To our wonderful essential workers we say thank you for the risk you take in service to us all.

Daily at 1pm we have heard sad news of an increasing number who have the Delta variant, and of thousands of close contacts waiting anxiously to see if they have the virus. Join me in keeping all those affected, and their worried family and friends, in our prayers. Let us not downplay the seriousness, this variant can and does kill, but we can be hopeful and trust that in the coming weeks it will be contained.

In these distressing times there are things we can do to lighten the load. If your church has suspended Sunday service due to lockdown and has not gone online, please consider how you can reach out to your congregation safely and bring them comfort that they are known by God and always connected with their church community.