



The (mostly) Online Shape of the Week

Almost every meeting last week was an online meeting. Even though we are in Phase 2, we are not seeing a sharp rise in physical meetings.

Daily, I will be doing the recordings in the morning for the **Noon Prayer** which is aired through our Cathedral SG Live App. It is a daily discipline which I find helpful though at times, others will chime in.

Every **Tuesday morning**, our **bishops, clergy and deaconesses** will meet. As Bishop Rennis is on leave, Bishop Designate, Canon Titus has already started to lead. By the way, as of 1st of July, he is also the Acting Dean of the Cathedral. We met together for a time of Morning Prayer Service before we moved into break out rooms to review our parish and diocese. After that, some clergy met to discuss the planning for the

Diocesan Online Holy Communion Service on 2nd August.

Every Wednesday morning, the **SAC staff** meet for devotion, personal sharing and prayer (breakout rooms), followed by a meeting to discuss operation matters, before the Senior Staff meet to discuss other issues. Various smaller meetings i.e. Service teams will meet, often to discuss the issue of pastoral care or administration of our Phase 2 Services.

Thursday is “**recording day**” for our Sunday Online Service at our “studio.” Some may do their parts from home.

Last week, we held the **Online Memorial for Canon Mervyn Moore**. It was engaging and moving. Some participants were from overseas. **Online DCBS** also started with two courses involving over 300

participants. The **Holy Spirit Seminar** on Saturday is well attended. The **Marriage Preparation Course** has also started with 9 couples. We look forward to the start of the **Online Baptism Course**.

Onsite ministry is now focused on **home visitations** or **community outreach** to foreign workers, rough sleepers etc, involving both staff and lay. Some of our staff are also rostered to be present during private worship hours or to serve in the Congregational Worship Services. Those manning the Listening Room are always on standby and the team includes both staff and lay.

Ministry meetings involving our lay - i.e. PCC, Choir fellowship meetings, Connect groups etc - are often conducted on weekday evenings or weekends. We also have weddings, wakes and funeral

services. The number of participants are restricted.

Sundays now include a visit onsite to host the **Congregational Worship Services**. We do our duty and will leave to allow the next team to come in as we seek to keep to guidelines from MCCY. The **Service Zoom Chats** are used to “mingle” and some of the sessions are well attended.

So, this is roughly the shape of the Cathedral ministry and communal life. I am sharing these to encourage us to consider participating in the “new normal”. Meaningful engagement is less about forums and more to do with our willingness to be involved. Many have been blessed and I invite you to share in the blessings of communal and ministry life of the church.

