

Press Release

The Anglican Diocese of Singapore

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For Immediate Release

Temporary Suspension of Church Services in the Anglican Diocese of Singapore

On 19 March 2020, the Anglican Diocese of Singapore announced that, with immediate effect, all regular worship services and gatherings in parish churches in Singapore will be suspended until 3 April 2020. We intend to resume our services on the weekend of 4 and 5 April, the start of Holy Week.

In his pastoral letter to Anglican leaders, Bishop Rennis Ponniah said that the prayerful decision to temporarily suspend all our worship services was made to intentionally create a two-week break in church gatherings. The Diocesan leadership has closely monitored the escalating COVID-19 situation and makes this contribution towards the concerted national effort to 'flatten the coronavirus curve'.

Our churches will make the needful pastoral provisions to continue caring for and strengthening the flock during this time. Provisions will include various measures such as online weekend services as well as pastoral care for the elderly and vulnerable.

The Bishop encouraged members to be a blessing to others in society, especially those in need. He ended with a prayer that God will help our nation to overcome this crisis.

There are currently 27 parishes of different sizes in the Anglican Diocese of Singapore, with an average weekly attendance of about 21,000.

For more updates and developments, please refer to the Diocese of Singapore website at <https://www.anglican.org.sg/>

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