



NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

House Church

NOTES FOR LEADERS

Booklet 1

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A vertical arrangement of four different types of succulent plants in small pots, positioned along the left edge of the page. From top to bottom: a small green succulent, a larger green succulent with white variegation, a small green succulent, and a larger green succulent with reddish-brown edges.

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Using this Liturgy

This liturgy has been developed for you to use in home group gatherings during the Covid-19 outbreak, where larger group gatherings have been restricted. Feel free to use this liturgy in a way that suits your group best, and don't feel you have to use every part of the booklet. The basic framework of the liturgy is to share God's word in Scripture, hear a reflection and talk about its application, share communion, pray, and to look outwards to the needs of our local environment. The idea is that anyone can lead, or take turns sharing in leading. This liturgy is not specific to a Sunday - you could gather on any day of the week.

Hosting a House Church

We encourage you to keep gathering in prayer and worship together. We encourage you to prepare a space together that is peaceful and welcoming, perhaps with a candle, cross, or other point of focus. If you are using a screen to show video content such as online sermons, make sure everyone can see and hear, and you have any web links bookmarked and ready to go.

Sharing Communion

Groups can share communion using pre-consecrated bread and wine only if they have a leader / member present who holds a bishop's license and they use the 'House Church Liturgy' or the New Zealand Anglican Prayerbook pg 518-520. Alternatively, groups are encouraged to include an 'Extended Grace' when sharing an informal meal together.

See Booklet 5 '*Runsheets for an informal gathering for the sharing of a meal together*'.



Sharing Communion Continued

Sharing communion is an important part of who we are as Anglican family. If you would like pre-consecrated wafers and wine, please advise the office during the week and these will be consecrated during the livestream service.

In order to share these safely, we suggest that one person, who has thoroughly cleaned their hands as per best practice, is responsible for opening the packet and placing wafers onto a plate for each individual person to take one by one. There should be no hand to hand contact.

Everyone should wash their hands before and after communion (as per best practice for eating). You might like to have some hand sanitiser ready, if you have some available.

We encourage leaders to follow the latest Covid-19 health and safety guidelines at all times. Visit www.covid19.govt.nz/traffic-lights for more information.

Living in Hope

As followers of Jesus we are His hands and feet in being a joyful and non-anxious witness to our neighbourhoods. As well as continuing in prayer, we encourage you to join any community care initiatives (e.g. local registers, phone trees) which allow you to make loving connections with those around you.



