

This afternoon our Prime Minister announced that New Zealand has been moved to COVID-19 alert Level 3, and that within 48 hours that will be lifted to COVID-19 alert Level 4. While this is a daunting and scary time for many, we back our Government in this decision and believe that they are making the right call to prevent further spread of this virus in Aotearoa, saving the lives of our people.



As our nation heads into self-isolation in 48 hours' time, we know that many will be worried, lonely and in need of connection. We understand the importance of human interaction in times such as these, so we are asking you to help us reach out to our community, to spread love, to check in and catch up with our neighbours, colleagues, friends and family. We are not encouraging physical interaction, instead social connection digitally.

This is our opportunity to come together as a community and support one-another. Let's keep connection alive! We need your help to ensure that this is done, and done well! To combat loneliness in this time we've launched #reachout3.

what is #reachout³?

#reachout³ is a social initiative with the purpose of connecting people together. We're asking that everyone in our Windsor Park community reach out to 3 people, contacting them a couple of times each week to check in on, encourage, and show the love of God. We would love for you to then encourage those people to reach out to 3 more people and so on and so on. Our hope is for this to be a cycle of care and connection that spreads across our city and nation.

Please only connect and contact your #reachout3 digitally, whether it's via a good old-fashioned phone call, a quick text, email or Facebook message. We want to ensure that while connection continues, physical distancing is maintained.

We were created for such a time as this. Let's live out Jesus's words in John 13:34-35, 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

Please be assured that we are proactively in touch with many of the isolated and vulnerable in our Windsor Park church family. If you know of anyone in this category that we may not be aware of, please contact us.

We have many immigrant families within our community that we know will be struggling being separated from family at this time. Let's intentionally keep in contact and communicate with these families too. If you know of any, please reach out and share aroha (love) with one-another.

As always, if you or anyone else that you contact has additional care requirements, please contact us in one of the following ways:

Email: care@windsorpark.org.nz

Call: (022) 111-6959

We'll be updating our community via email, Facebook and Instagram. To keep up-to-date with what we're doing as a church community, please ensure that you're following us:

Facebook: /windsorparkbaptistchurchnz (we have a Page and a Community Group)

Instagram: @wpbaptist