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Dear St Paul's family

“The President of the Republic of South Africa announced that with effect from midnight on the 28th of December 2020, SA would revert to Level 3 restrictions.

In addition, the President also announced further hotspot areas affecting Western Cape, the Garden Route, KwaZulu Natal and Gauteng.

With immediate effect all social gatherings, including faith-based gatherings are prohibited until the 15th of January 2021. (Government Gazette) The situation will be reviewed then. A new curfew from 21:00 until 06:00 was imposed.

The wearing of face masks compulsory. Failure to do so constitutes an offence punishable by law.”

The Implications for church and worship

“ALL places of worship are closed with immediate effect.

Places of worship may **only** be opened for purpose of conducting a **funeral**.

The prohibition on gatherings both social and faith based means we are not able to worship, conduct weddings, baptisms, confirmations or ordinations until further notice but at least for the next two weeks. The team working on other implications for ministry and will update these.” (ACSA COVID ADVISORY TEAM)

This means that the Church services (for the 3/10/and 17 January) are cancelled at St Pauls, we will inform you when services will start again.

I know it is a challenging and difficult time as more and more people that we know are infected or die of the Corona Virus. But I want to encourage you not to lose hope, we the clergy of St Paul's will continue to uphold you in prayer.

Isaiah 41:10 “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please be safe wear your mask, sanitize, wash your hands and practice social distancing

Blessings
Rev Reeva