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Dear St Paul's family

I greet you in the name of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

On Sunday 27 June the President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, announced that, owing to a massive surge of new infections, South Africa would be placed on adjusted Alert Level 4 from Monday 28 June.

One of the restrictions of Level 4 is that all social gatherings, including faith-based gatherings of any size, are prohibited.

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** and it is restricted to only 50 people and no night vigils or post gatherings are permitted

Bishop Joshua has sent a letter to parishes for the temporary closure of the doors of the church for **in-person services for the next two weeks.**

We as St Paul's family will continue our Sunday Zoom services at 9 am and I will send you the link on Saturdays.

I know it is a challenging and difficult time as this Delta variant is more infectious, and more and more people that we know are infected. 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 41:13: For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

1 Peter 5:7: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

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

Blessings
Rev Reeva, Rev Darron and Rev Veliswa