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Dear St Paul's family

As you know the State President Cyril Ramaphosa has officially announced that we will enter a national lockdown from Thursday 26 March (@12:00am).

This means all services at St Pauls are cancelled going forward and the church will be closed.

I would also like to refer you to the Archbishops Corona Update guidelines ([anglicanchurchsa.org/coronavirus-updated-guidelines-from-the-archbishop/--24 March 2020](http://anglicanchurchsa.org/coronavirus-updated-guidelines-from-the-archbishop/--24-March-2020)),

The following is a quote from Archbishop's Thabo

“But it will not prevent us from ministering to one another, and since our churches are now effectively closed, I have a simple request if at all **possible:**

At midday, every day, please could we ring our church bells around Southern Africa for 10 or 15 seconds as a signal to those, in every country in our Province, who are ill or live in fear, despair and perhaps anger, assuring them that God is here, that He loves us, that we are not alone and that this too shall pass.

It would also be a wonderful way of demonstrating our presence, our solidarity with our communities, and the fact that we are praying and worshipping at home.

If you are at home, pause whatever you are doing, and clink a glass or cup to ring the same message out to yourselves and your loved ones, resurrecting the use of the Angelus and saying this prayer:

God bless the world,

Give it wisdom at this time,

Grant us relief and release,

Be with those who are ill,

And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,

For Jesus Christ's sake, Amen

Furthermore we would like to encourage everyone to worship in their homes and observe Morning Prayer at 9am and Evening Prayer at 5pm.

I would like to encourage you with Psalm 46

Blessings

Revds Reeva, Darron, Isaias and Val, Frank, Dennis