



ANGLICAN EAST NL

COVID19 Update – February 10, 2021

Here is more information to help you navigate through the new restrictions. While the focus area is the Archdeaconry of Avalon, all archdeaconries need to be aware of these restrictions because things can change in a moment and this virus knows no geographical boundaries.

To further clarify the new restrictions announced by our Bishop last evening, please note the following as it applies to all parishes and congregations in the Archdeaconry of Avalon:

Can our Church Buildings still be used as Polling Stations for the Upcoming Provincial Election?

Yes. This is an activity or gathering that has NOT been restricted by the Chief Medical Officer at this time. Our Church Buildings may be utilized as Polling Stations if such arrangement has already been put in place.

Can we conduct the live stream of our worship from our Sanctuary?

Yes. You may live stream your worship from the Sanctuary. Remember that the number of people present in the Building must only be those that are necessary for the live stream and cannot exceed 20 people. All people present must maintain physical distancing at all times.

Which Individuals, Groups, Organizations, or Businesses are not permitted use of our Buildings?

Under the Special Measures Order issued today by the Chief Medical Officer, the following gatherings and/or activities are not permitted until further notice:

Group and team sport and recreation activities; an example would be Girl Guides or a local ball hockey league.

Groups arts and cultural activities; examples would be bands and choirs.

Gym and Fitness gatherings; examples would be yoga classes or martial arts classes.

Dance studios; an example would be group dance classes

Cinemas; such as movie nights or gatherings for entertainment

Performance spaces; such as concerts

Bingo Halls; for our parishes this would also include card games

For those individuals and entities using our Buildings for purposes that do not fall within any of these categories, their use of our Buildings can remain uninterrupted in so far as they remain compliant with all Public Health and Diocesan Directives and Guidelines.

Can we still hold a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday?

No. Although we realize the negative impact on our parishes both socially and economically, it is impossible to be able to undertake this type of fundraising and remain compliant with the Special Measures Order issued today. It is advised that all fundraising events that involve people gathering, either to organize, prepare, run, or avail, of a fundraising event be suspended or postponed until further notice.

Does our Church Office remain open?

Yes. The Bishop has NOT ordered our Buildings to be closed at this time. Regular Office hours and use of our buildings can still be availed of by individuals in so far as their activities are in compliance with Public Health Regulations and the Many Members, One Body Guidelines.

Should further clarification be necessary, or advice sought with respects to your individual situation, please feel free to contact Synod Office or Reverend Christopher Fowler at reverendchristopher@icloud.com

By following these restrictions, you are keeping yourself, your community and parish safe.

Blessings on your day,

The Venerable Charlene Taylor
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