



Hello my friends,

Here we are again. It was inevitable that this would happen. I appreciate that there will be a level of frustration, anxiety, and uncertainty. But I am grateful to be in New Zealand at this point in time. We are a people marked by hope and faith, therefore I hope we are facing each day with the confidence that as a people we are not abandoned, and we have no need to be afraid.

St Johns is still in operation, albeit we are all working from home. Please let me know if you have any pastoral concerns and we will try our best to address them. My cell phone is 022 674 0044 and my email address is minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz Please feel free to also contact Alison 020 155 0503 and/or Judy McDonald.

I really miss you all. I'm thinking and praying for you all every morning. I long for the day we will be able to see each other again face to face. For now, we will gather via Zoom. I hope by now you have received the Zoom link via email to our **Sunday gathering on Sunday 22nd at 9:30am.**

We are also hoping to have a **community night on Friday 27th 2021.** The Youth group leaders suggested that we have a Community Quiz night. I am so looking forward to that. Can I encourage you to plan to be part of the event. I believe it will be a wonderful way to engage with each other during this time. I will share more details next Wednesday.

Lastly, let me encourage you to take good care of yourself. Pace yourself. Develop good routines and remember this is a marathon not a sprint. Build the capacity to wait this out. But whatever you do, don't do it alone. Reach out if you need any assistance.

A year ago, during the first lockdown, I read this interesting story that is attached to this newsletter. I commend it to you; may it bless your heart as it did when I first read it.

In His Cause,

Rev. Jeff Odhiambo