



Dear Met church family,

We are learning together the lessons of James 4:13-17, and the Lord is helping us to see the folly of “boasting about tomorrow”. We simply do not know what a day or week will bring, and we must trust the Lord and His good plans.

When we set the wheels in motion to re-open, we did so in consultation with our MPP and in light of the guidance published at that time. However, the Province of Ontario issued some further guidelines this week, and these guidelines do restrict our ability to run services. Added to this, just yesterday we were given a draft of an Ottawa Public Health directive which would add further (and very much tighter restrictions) for places of worship. In light of these documents, we have had to conclude that we regrettably cannot open at this point in time.

We want to respect the authorities in their efforts to keep us safe, and we are committed to operating responsibly and with integrity. We feel that our only option at this point is to continue with virtual-only services available on the [church website](#) at 10:00am.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and disappointment of a change of plan. We are rejoicing in the knowledge that our God is sovereign and wise and good, and we are entrusting ourselves and the ministry of The Met to Him afresh today.

We will keep in touch with you as plans develop, but we expect that we will need to wait for a significant easing of the new restrictions before we can attempt in-person services again. Please pray with us for the Lord’s leading and for the work of the gospel to progress in accordance with His will, despite these challenging circumstances.

With every blessing in Christ,

Jonathan Griffiths and Chris Shadbolt