**My dear Brothers & Sisters,**

I give thanks for each of you – for your love for each other and for your faithfulness and perseverance. God is indeed with us and shaping our lives as we trust in Him.

With caution, we may be able to start meeting together in small groups in the coming weeks. As we take this step, we will do so with prayer and consideration.

Some news for you:

**Family Store**

THQ has given approval to reopen Family Stores with a long list of conditions. The tentative reopen date for us is 20th of May, but we are waiting on the arrival of sneeze guards. We will be initially reopening just three days a week as our volunteer numbers have declined due to COVID-19 concerns. We have additional requirements for volunteers who fall in the vulnerable category.

**Red Shield Appeal**

Tell your friends, family and neighbours! We have included for you a flyer. Please let me know if you would like some smaller flyers to letterbox drop your neighbourhood.

**Local Finances**

As you would be aware, this season brings concerns with finances as the income streams have all ceased (Sunday offering, Street ministry and the family store). It is wonderful to see people still making the effort to give financially as they are able.

If you would like to and are able to give financially, please consider online giving using the following details, or call Emily on 0409 615 345 to make alternative arrangements. We can collect from you if required.

Account: The Salvation Army, Bathurst Corps

BSB 032 814 Account 810164.

Please use name or cartridge number as reference.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to continue to reach out to people and share your love and support for them. Everyone needs to know that they are loved and that is the half of the most foundational and simple aspect of the Christian life – that we love one another. Love God, Love others.

With Love & Blessings, from Kate Cathcart. 0459 931 116