

# Servant leadership in the context of Coronavirus

Many medical staff have described their experience of this pandemic as like a tsunami. There is an unstoppable wave of pastoral and practical challenges facing church leaders. While in a few places the worst may be over, some countries are in the eye of the storm. For many others - the storm is gathering.



## Loving our neighbours

Love is the defining characteristic of God and those who know God. Our love for our neighbour is a demonstration of our love for God (Matthew 22:39), and the apostle Paul describes loving our neighbour as summing up the entire law (Galatians 5:6b,13-14).

### Leading in practice:

- Check regularly that people around you have what they need. Where needs are identified e.g. food or human connection, meet these needs by sharing your own resources
- Help children to meet the needs of others e.g. making a card for someone living alone
- Regularly remind your church that taking all possible action to reduce the spread of the virus is the loving thing to do
- Support medical workers and others in key 'front line' roles

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit – Romans 15:13.

