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Chaplain

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Dear Friends,

In my previous letter I said that we would plan towards reopening the St George's building on Pentecost Sunday, which is next week. I also said that I suspected that we would not be able to do so until mid June. The latter prediction is closer to the truth!

And I commented one Sunday service that when we opened, it would be great to have a party. This is not going to happen either – though, we look forward to celebrating when that is possible.

Two paragraphs in my last letter say things that are important to note and remember:

***There are some key things that we will not forget. We will not take unnecessary risks. I will not rush it. We will follow the guidance of the Diocese in Europe and our Government here. We will also pay attention to the guidance being given by the Roman Catholic Bishops. This is important for the well-being of those who attend services and for the honour of Christ's name.***

***The virtual services will be continued for the foreseeable future. I prefer YouTube to live-streaming as it is more flexible in that we can include or exclude hymns etc and people are able to watch when it suits them.***

The St George's Council met last Friday evening by Zoom and the following decisions were made:

1. When Phase Two begins the young people's group, obviously with parental consent, can meet in the garden, wearing masks and keeping to the social distancing rules. Jennie Hebson, our Youth Worker will lead these meetings.
2. When Phase Three begins here in Barcelona we plan to restart services. Initial services will be short and will be in the garden. We will try and provide some seats for those who need it and they will be cleaned thoroughly after every usage.
3. It may well be that we will have a short service on the Saturday evening and one on the Sunday until we get to the end of phase 4.
4. We will not initially be singing but we will receive communion according to the methodology and standards of the Diocese and the Roman Catholic church.
5. It is probable that you will have to register for services as there will be limited numbers. We will send out all information and instructions in plenty of time.



6. Thank you for your feedback to my letter of May 12<sup>th</sup>. As you know, things change all the time but in response to your questions let me say that:

a. Regarding Cash Giving: We will have a container for you to put in a money offering; it will then be treated according to the recommendations of government. However, you can give directly via DonorBox on our web and that will be easier. DonorBox records your name so if you regularly give via Envelopes, DonorBox giving will be added to your normal Envelope Giving.

b. Some of you also expressed concern about toilets and we are going to make limited use possible. We are trying to work out the proper cleaning processes in between each usage.

Finally, we are really looking forward to being together at least as partial church! Details are all being worked out and will be sent to you, so don't worry about these at this stage.

We live in days of uncertainty and all this may change! But our feet are firmly fixed on a Rock who does not change. So we move forward praising God and I would ask for your prayers for wisdom and carefulness.

In Christ our Lord,

Revd John B Chapman