



## A LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN, REVD JOHN CHAPMAN

Dear Friends,

In my previous letter I said that we hoped to be able to reopen the building by Pentecost Sunday, which is long past. I also said that I suspected that we would not be able to do so until mid-June. The latter prediction was closer to the truth but also inaccurate! I also said in one Sunday service that when we opened, it would be great to have a party. This is not going to happen – we still look forward to that!

*As I have said before, there are some key things that we will not forget. We will not take unnecessary risks. We will not rush it. 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 am glad to say that the St George's Council has decided that we will open this weekend. There will be two services; Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (18.00) and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The Sunday will be a repetition of the Saturday. I am open to having more services if required.**

Initial services will be shorter and will be in the back garden, entering through the entrance on Carrer San Joan de la Salle and leaving through the Carrer d'Horaci exit. We will thoroughly clean all the seats before and after the services. We must remember social distancing and masks MUST be worn, and we advise mosquito spray and a bottle of water. If possible, please bring your own sanitizer gel but we will also have some available

According to the methodology and standards of the Diocese in Europe we will celebrate Holy Communion, but only bread will be distributed. We will not be singing at his stage as present research suggests it may increase the spread of the virus. We will make changes as new information becomes available. The Youth group will happen during one of these services.

You will have to register for services. We are setting up to 21 spaces for individuals, couples or families, depending on who and how many apply for each service. You may sit together only if you are in the same household. Please register by email to the church email address ([info@st-georges-church.com](mailto:info@st-georges-church.com)) or by WhatsApp or Phone to my personal number (+34 6308 10991). It is first come first served. Your name will be ticked off on arrival and you will be shown to your seats.

There will be access to toilets, but can I urge you to only use these if necessary because we will have to have a cleaning regime after each usage.

We will have a container for you to put in your tithes and offering as you leave the church. Please remember you can give via DonorBox on our web, bank transfer or standing order.

Finally, we are really looking forward to being together at least as partial church! We will need some people to act as stewards and if you would like to volunteer for that, please let me know.

As I said in my last letter, 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.

In Christ our Lord,

John

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## REMINDERS AND FURTHER DETAILS

### BUILDING PREPARATION

- ✘ Oksana our cleaner has been here the last three Saturdays ensuring a deep clean of our downstairs areas
- ✘ All wood used will be cleaned with alcohol before and after each service, outside plastic seats will be cleaned with bleach.
- ✘ All required information will be clearly signed.
- ✘ Signs will be up to ensure the use of toilets are properly managed.
- ✘ Entry will be by the garden gate (Carrer San Joan de la Salle) and exit by the Carrer d'Horaci gate and will both remain open throughout the service.

### RULES FOR ATTENDEES

- ✘ Do not attend services if you have a high temperature, any flu-like symptoms or if you are particularly vulnerable.
- ✘ All those attending will have to book in and then sign their attendance with their own pen or pencil. This is in case we have to contact everyone should there be any case of Covid-19.
- ✘ Carry your own tissues in case of coughing and/or sneezing and used tissues should be placed in the bins provided.
- ✘ Every person must use a mask, entry will not be possible without one.
- ✘ Please bring your own hand sanitizer. The church will only have sanitizer available at entrances, exits and toilets
- ✘ There will be no food or drinks available, and there will be no use of kitchen, lounge or upstairs
- ✘ All those not in a single household must keep an appropriate distance from each other.
- ✘ There should be no physical greeting and at the peace an alternative form of greeting will be used
- ✘ Bring your own water and mosquito repellent.

### SERVICE

- ✘ Worship Sheets will be provided which should be taken away by the user after the service
- ✘ There will be no singing
- ✘ Those reading should not touch lecterns
- ✘ Holy Communion will be bread only, but both elements will be consecrated
- ✘ Only the minister celebrating will handle the bread and administer communion. The priest will wash hands prior to commencing the liturgy of the Sacrament. The bread will remain covered during the eucharistic prayer. The priest will use a face mask (unless when preaching at a suitable distance) and use clean latex-free gloves.
- ✘ The priest will declare the words of distribution and then the communion will be done in silence, the priest not touching the hands of the communicants. Communicants will line up in a single file and at social distancing, receiving the wafer in cupped hands.
- ✘ We will give information regarding children in future mailings.
- ✘ Offerings are to be put into a receptacle as you leave.

Thanking you

Chaplains, Council and Administrator