



DEAR MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF SALT CHURCH

**VITALLY IMPORTANT PLEASE FULLY READ AND DIGEST THIS COMMUNICATION**

First, I want to continue to bless you all in the mighty name of Jesus. In the words of Revelation 2:18; Whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. Jesus sees everything and goes everywhere. He knows everything about us and our future.

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Second, we are holding our first church service since the lockdown this **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am to 11.30am**. Many of you would have seen the layout of chairs in the worship area from last Sunday's online service.

**We are not the first to open our doors, however.** Our neighbour Rio Da Vida, on our own estate, held their first service last Sunday. International Christian Assembly (ICA) opened their three churches last week: two Spanish and one English speaking in the same building at different times during the week. ICA's first English-speaking corporate worship service is this Sunday along with ours. Things are on the move.

As I said in my last letter I assure you that we are following ALL of the advice and laws and recommendations of the Governments 4 stage plan and ALL the advice from FEREDE [the Federation of Evangelical Churches Spain] our overseeing body who advises us with Government cooperation and authorisation.

**Therefore Appendix 1.** of this letter gives a comprehensive overview of the strict measures we are adopting to run the service smoothly. Please read and digest if you are intending to come to the service. It will both reassure you and educate you.

However, I state again that there is no expectation that people must come. Everyone must assess the information and make their own decision. You are not looking to please the Pastor or the Church Council. Your own risk assessment should guide you.

**From the DUTY TEAM:** we need about 12 people for the Duty team to ensure things run smoothly. You will be well briefed, and the tasks are not too onerous. If you can volunteer then please pass your name to Jacqui, she will co-ordinate you and brief you in advance.

**From Tim our TREASURER:** Please bring your tithes and offerings to a church service or if you are unable to attend please take note of Appendix 1 point 16 where we are setting up a **"Drive Through tithes and offerings table"**. We want to facilitate your act of worship in giving to the best of our ability. For all tithes and offerings, we give grateful thanks in anticipation. A huge thank you to those supporting the church through direct debit standing order and transfers.

God is great and we are grateful because of the great I am.



The Spanish government are always updating, and it may be likely that we need to wear masks, therefore just in case **'Please bring your own mask if you have one.** We have ordered masks for those who do not have one and hopefully they will arrive before Sunday, any donation towards the cost would be appreciated.' Use your own wording please.

We are really looking forward to taking this initial step on what is a new journey for the church.

We will still be producing our online service videos to cover everyone in the church and beyond. These videos have proven to be a great success and many more people are connecting with us through social media.

Our aim is to move to live streaming the church services from the building when we have the technology and experience in place.

We will still hold zoom communion services to break bread together and this area is also developing.

There is much to do; Jesus will build His church in every generation and nothing will stop Him. Jesus is with us every step of the way. He has promised to be with us to the end of the age and into eternity.

Step by step we are moving forward, little by little we are taking ground.

Whether you can attend the service or not, or you watch our online connections, we are all in this together and we are united by Holy Spirit.

Every blessing to all the saints of God,

*Chris*

Chris Knight: Pastor and President

**SCROLL BELOW FOR APPENDIX 1. READ AND DIGEST, BE REASSURED AND EDUCATED**

## **APPENDIX 1: STRICT PROCEDURES TO ENABLE SAFE SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND BEST PRACTICE DURING THIS SEASON**

The building has been thoroughly cleaned by a team who have spent 90 'man' hours removing all dust and dirt following the completion of the tiling work.

### **Social distances will be adopted with the following:**

1. Floor marking from entrance, down the street 2 metres apart and a queuing system to enter the building. No car parking will be permitted alongside the queue.
2. Once reaching the sliding gate there will be two separate segregated lines where sanitiser gel will be applied to hands before entry and leaving the building. There will also be several tables with addition bottles of hand gel on them within the building.
3. Counting of people coming in will be done to ensure we do not exceed 168
4. We are awaiting clarification on the latest Spanish Government announcement regarding the wearing of masks in closed places. If you have your own mask, please bring it with you. Masks have been ordered and these hopefully will be available for you if you want one and any donations towards cost would be appreciated.
5. There will be markings at the toilet entrance 2 metres apart and only one person will be allowed to enter the gents, ladies, or disabled toilets at any one time. Please wash hands thoroughly before coming out. Gel will also be applied on entry and exiting of the toilets.
6. People will be asked to come in and take their seats immediately with no standing around chatting and definitely no hugging, kissing, shaking hands or physical contact.
7. Vacating the building will be done in a staggered manner with no socialising.
8. Chairs have been laid out in either pairs for couples or singly and they have been set 2 metres apart both sideways and in front/behind.
9. Families with young children are requested not to arrive until 10.30am and to sit at the back in front of the kitchen area and will be the first out after the service.
10. All surfaces that could come in contact with people i.e. seats, toilets, microphones, sound desk and equipment etc. will be cleaned/disinfected every week by the cleaning team before the next service.
11. The kitchen will be out of bounds to everyone and some bottles of water will be left out on a table for those in need of it.
12. There will be no crèche or Kids church work and the stairs leading upstairs will be out of bounds.
13. There will be no communion and no coffee served.
14. Offering baskets will be on tables at the front and back of the hall and will not be passed to each other. The offerings will be counted by those wearing rubber gloves.
15. A table will be put outside by the row of plants over the road with an offering basket on it so that anyone not coming to the service but wishing to bring in their tithes and offerings

can drop it into the basket without needing to get out of their car and can collect this quarter's Word for Today.

16. Crèche and reception desk will be out of bounds and the prayer room will not be used for prayer before the meeting commences.
17. Informative and reminder posters will be displayed throughout the building of the hygienic measures and must be complied with.
18. It is important to note that every effort will be made in every area to maintain a well ordered and safe environment to conduct worship in a corporate live setting. It is fully understood that attendance is according to the freedom and conscience of each person and that there is no expectation for people to attend where they may feel uncomfortable in doing so.
19. The advice from government bodies and FEREDÉ stipulates that the only people that should attend the services are those who are healthy with no cough, cold, or even feeling slightly unwell and definitely **should not attend** if they have any underlying medical risk conditions such as those shown below.

- If you have tested positive for Covid 19 even if you have received the all clear.
- Cardiovascular diseases and hypertension
- Diabetes.
- Chronic lung diseases.
- Cancer.
- Immunosuppression.
- Pregnancy.