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**May you have God's blessing for this summer.  
May He envelop you with beams of warm sunshine  
and wonderful encounters.  
May He give you flowers with vibrant colours  
and new flourishing ideas.  
May He give you - now and then -  
the lightness of butterflies and may you dream with the clouds.  
May He send you a fresh breeze and clear thoughts.  
No matter where you go, He will be with you.  
May the all-powerful God bless you.**

Dear members and friends of St. George's!

With the above blessing for our summer we would like to send you heartfelt greetings from St. George's.

Today we are happy to announce that on

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.**

we will begin with our regular service schedule.

We intend to have a bilingual worship service for the whole congregation, similar to what has taken place in previous summers. We would also like to continue with this format for the subsequent Sundays.

Of course as prescribed we must follow all rules and guidelines.

Our church council will take all necessary precautions.

Here are some of the guidelines that we must follow:

Please do not attend our service if you are not feeling well - wait until you feel better.

You must wear a mask or a face covering as long as you are in the church. The only exception will be when celebrating Holy Communion. This will not happen on September 13<sup>th</sup>, but soon thereafter. We are starting slowly but surely in small steps.

It is important to social distance in the church. All, with the exception of couples and families, must sit apart. We must leave many empty spaces.

Please let members of the church council guide you to your seat so that social distancing is adhered to.

It is also important to pay attention to social distancing when talking to people before and after the worship service.

Sadly we must announce that as of yet we cannot meet for coffee and cake after the service.

We have hand sanitizer in the church and masks in case someone forgets to bring one.

The washrooms are regularly disinfected and only one person at a time is allowed to use the facilities.

So that we do not have to list the many rules and regulations, please use and apply the information that has been made public the past many months. We may point out some rules that apply to St. George's at the beginning of each service.

Please let us know if you have further questions.

We know that at this time some members may be hesitant to attend services; they are too vulnerable of becoming sick, they do not want to use public transit, or their children may be concerned. There is a fair number of reasons why some do not wish to attend our church services as of yet.

We understand you completely!

Please take as long as you need before you come back to St. George's.

The Corona virus has not yet dissipated and things can change rapidly.

We are so happy that we can finally celebrate real, live services in our church.

We pray for God's guidance so that we will make the right decisions, we do not infect each other and we will be able to celebrate our worship services on a regular basis.

We are so grateful for this new beginning!

We wish you all the best of health and optimism for the future. May God protect you wherever you are!

In the name of the Church Council

Sincerely,

Pastor Katharina

P.S. This is only a provisional newsletter. The next newsletter in the usual format is planned for the end of September.

