

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERS DURING COVID-19

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OFFICIAL GUIDELINES, ADVICE & RESOURCES

Scottish Episcopal Church Updates & Resources

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>

College of Bishops Reflection on Worship During Lockdown (Including proposed forms of Spiritual Communion)

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/college-of-bishops-reflection-on-worship-during-lockdown/>

'Everybody Welcome Online', a comprehensive guide to Online Worship (CoE)

https://www.cpas.org.uk/uploaded_media/web_upload/Everybody%20Welcome%20Online-1587722747.pdf

Digital Tools for Churches

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fYN5QWlQnA6ofCLNdUNeSMARl44anqTsEAoXu7mRwFE/preview>

HELP & HOW-TO RESOURCES

'How to live-stream your service in 4 easy steps'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhnR0hahkD0&feature=emb_logo

How to make and upload videos to YouTube from the Rector of Melrose

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYLGe6aS6Zk>

Guidance on how to use Zoom safely and effectively (CoS)

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice/using-zoom-in-the-current-climate>

Useful guidelines on how to look after your church building whilst it is temporarily closed or unoccupied

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/unoccupied-properties-during-covid-19/church/>

The Charity Excellence website has a new, free database of funders supporting charities during the crisis

<https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/>

Heritage £50 million Emergency Fund launched to help the Sector, to address immediate pressures over the next three-six months for organisations most in need. Applications can be accessed until 30th June as short-term funding to stabilise operations and manage unforeseen risks. Grants of £3,000 - £50,000 will be available to i) address immediate pressures over the next 3-6 months for those most in need, and ii) increase investment in essential digital skills across the sector, providing expertise in critical areas such as digital fundraising, use of social media and communications, and running online events and activities.

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund>

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Scottish Episcopal Church Daily Prayer

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Sunday Worship

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

Evening Prayer from Taizé

http://www.taize.fr/en_article27540.html

'Pray as you Go' – Ignatian (RC) Prayers (also available as an app)

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

BBC Daily Service

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs/episodes/player>

Celtic Daily Prayer

<https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/offices/>

Church of England 'Daily Hope' phonenumber for those unable to join online worship

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/daily-hope-phone-line>

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

Edinburgh Diocese Resources for Children

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/youth-and-children/>

SUTV

<https://www.facebook.com/SUTVlive/>

WELLBEING AND MORALE

A useful guide from the charity *mind*

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/#collapse42115>

Some advice from *The Mental Health Foundation*

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

Stories of how churches are helping local people and boosting morale during the Coronavirus crisis

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/churches-helping-during-cornavirus-crisis>

National Churches Trust's church tourism website, is bringing stories and photographs so you can explore the UK's sacred heritage without leaving home

<https://www.explorechurches.org/>

MUSIC

RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) Hymn for the Day and 'Self-Service'

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/our-resources/hftd/>

Hymnary.org Coronavirus Resources

<https://hymnary.org/topic/covid-19?src=banner&fbclid=IwARIGpsxpA7oXZX9fPDeqWcf0URqwHEGoyrtuUhEjEkYdYPMYVF-9VWsrwEs>

Rudolfus Choir 'Virtual Evensong' Project

<https://www.therudolfusfoundation.org.uk/virtual-evensong>

Contemporary Psalm Settings

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzIoO0DWym8GJHmDEwDlG/videos>

BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY

The Church of England has issued comprehensive advice (which it is keeping updated) on securing and caring for your church buildings during the Covid-19 pandemic. (While some of it is obviously specific to

the Church of England, it may also be of interest to SEC congregations.) [https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Caring for church buildings during the pandemic - advice for parishes v.3.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Caring%20for%20church%20buildings%20during%20the%20pandemic%20-%20advice%20for%20parishes%20v.3.pdf)

Ecclesiastical Insurance guidance on re-opening churches after lockdown
<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/latest-news/opening-places-of-worship-after-lockdown/>