

## Earlier updates

**200330** - [Faculty petitions under the coronavirus restrictions](#). A summary of the issues involved during the various stages of the faculty process, and links to relevant authorities with regard to the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus crisis.

**200329** - [Law and religion round-up - 29th March](#). A post which, unsurprisingly, is (on word count) 86% on the coronavirus issues of law and religion, including: Coronavirus Act 2020 and Regulations, E,W,S; closure of all Church of England buildings; attendance at funerals; church building maintenance; PPC Meetings.

**200328** - [Church building maintenance during lockdown](#). Summary of the Church of England document *Securing and caring for your church buildings during the Covid-19 pandemic: advice for incumbents, churchwardens and PCC members*.

**200324** - [Coronavirus COVID-19: Closure of all Church of England buildings](#). Confirming the closure of all buildings with immediate effect, including for the use of private prayer, in an effort to help limit the transmission of coronavirus COVID-19.

**200323** - [Coronavirus: Archbishops' and Bishops' Statement](#) The Prime Minister's [announcement](#) of sweeping restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of the virus was echoed in the Church of England [statement](#) which said *inter alia*: "all Church of England churches will close with immediate effect in line with the Government's instructions. There will also be no weddings or baptisms". New FAQs are in preparation.

**200323** - [Coronavirus COVID-19: Marriage Law Update](#). Legal advice published by the Faculty Office.

**200322** - ['Virtual' PCC meetings and other Coronavirus-related issues](#). Further to our post "Coronavirus - election of PCC and churchwardens", David Lamming has written a guest post on the issues raised.

**200322** - [Law and religion round-up - 22nd March](#). Coronavirus latest news from government and churches; Live-streaming of church services; and Coronavirus and data protection.

**200321** - [Coronavirus - election of PCC and churchwardens](#). Legislative measure that has been introduced by the Diocese of Oxford. Instrument was distributed by Church House to all Registrars in template form. Useful additional comments.

**200320** - [More coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance](#). Links to the recently revised CofE FAQs on: live streaming; weddings; baptisms; funerals; and key workers (see [below](#)). Also advice from: Church in Ireland, Roman Catholic Church EW, Isle of Man state of emergency law, and government advice on key workers and revised procedures for DBS checks.

**200320** - [Coronavirus: further guidance from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York](#). Clarification on the meaning of "public worship".

**200319** - [Coronavirus: updated guidance on weddings and baptisms from CofE](#). Also link to new guidance on live streaming of services.

**200318** - [Streaming church services: an \(updated\) guide to copyright and religion](#) - revised with the additional advice from the RSCM on live streaming. Further updated 200323 with revised information from RSCM on CCLI streaming licence provisions.

**200318** - [Churches in Northern Ireland: Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance](#)

A series of important updates on issues related to the cessation of church services was posted on 17th March

- 200317 - [\*Church in Wales: Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance\*](#)
- 200317 - [\*Church of England: Coronavirus - cessation of church services\*](#)
- 200317 - [\*Streaming church services: an \(updated\) guide to copyright and religion\*](#)
- 200317 - [\*Scottish Episcopal Church: Coronavirus - cessation of church services\*](#)
- 200317 - [\*Coronavirus latest: Government asks religious groups to cease meeting\*](#). On 16 March, responding to a question on “what actually constitutes a large gathering of people” in the context of religious communities—churches, mosques, gurdwaras”, the Health Secretary indicated that religious services should be suspended during the coronavirus outbreak, [[Commons Hansard c724](#)].
- 200315 - [\*Law and religion round-up - 15th March\*](#). Beards, paramedics and coronavirus; A common approach to the Common Cup in Anglican Provinces in the UK & Ireland...; Further advice from the Dioceses; Lambeth Conference and coronavirus; and A religion, law and coronavirus website.
- 200312 - [\*Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): more guidance from Church of England and government\*](#)
- 200310 - [\*Church of England coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for churches: updated\*](#)
- 200308 - [\*Law and religion round-up - 8th March\*](#)
- 200305 - [\*Church of England updates Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance - 5 March\*](#)
- 200303 - [\*Church issues new Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance\*](#)
- 200229 - [\*Coronavirus: contingency planning and legislation\*](#)
- 200223 - [\*Law and religion round-up - 23rd February\*](#)
- 200214 - [\*Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - latest news\*](#)
- 200201 - [\*Diocese of London advice on coronavirus - updated\*](#)