

Latest News – 8th November 2020



Watch the service - A service of remembrance

The Church of England will broadcast a special online service for the nation on Remembrance Sunday.

A promotional graphic for the Remembrance Service. On the left is a dark blue vertical banner with the Church of England logo and text: "Remembrance Service Trailer", "THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND", "Join us for our weekly service from 9am on Sunday on Facebook and YouTube". To the right is a grid of six images: a priest in white vestments, a man in a red British Army uniform, a man in a British Army uniform, a man in a red British Army uniform conducting, a man in a British Army uniform holding a wreath, and a man in a red British Army uniform playing a trumpet.

The service, from the Royal Military Chapel (Guards' Chapel) in London, will be broadcast on the Church of England's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) accounts at 9am on Sunday. It will be led by Revd John Vincent CF, Senior Chaplain, London District, and Chaplain to the Household Division.

The Act of Remembrance will be read during the service and The Last Post will be played, followed by a two-minute silence and the sounding of the Reveille. There will be music from the choir of the Guards' Chapel and The Band of the Irish Guards.

Major General Chris Ghika CBE, General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Division, will lay the wreath.

The pre-recorded service will be broadcast days after the start of the second national lockdown in England, with public worship suspended during this time.

Remembrance Sunday services and events, remembering those who have died in war, including civilian casualties, and those bereaved by war, are due to be held outdoors, in accordance with restrictions.

In addition to online services broadcast from churches and cathedrals across the country, BBC local radio will broadcast a church service led by the Bishop to the Forces, Tim Thornton, at 8am on Sunday. There will also be a Service of Remembrance from the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

The online service from The Guards' Chapel will hear prayers read by Revd Vincent, including prayers for the Armed Forces, for all those who have been bereaved and remembering all those who have been victims of war.

In his sermon, Revd Vincent will say that on Remembrance Sunday, the nation remembers 'all those who were prepared to take a stand against those forces and powers which threatened and continue to threaten the things that we hold dear.'

"We remember those millions who for us are just names inscribed on war memorials, and we remember those who are closer to us – family members or those we have served alongside on operations," he will say.

"And we also call to mind and pray for those who today will face danger on our behalf, protecting our values and working for peace."

Revd Vincent said remembering the war dead should be 'more than just a memory of what they have done.'

He will add: 'We must be inspired by their example for their values to become our values, their vision for a just and peaceful world to become our vision, their love for others become our love for others.'

"In this way their name will live on and the peace they fought so hard to achieve we take forward and pass on to others yet to be born."

The service is to be broadcast from 9am on Sunday on the [Church of England's website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

An order of service is available to [download online](#).

All of the video content is manually subtitled. To turn these on, go to the bottom left of the video and click the filled-in box with two broken lines inside. The service is BSL-interpreted throughout.

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Who can organise a Remembrance Sunday event?

Local Authorities in England and faith leaders can organise outdoor Remembrance Sunday events at a public war memorial or cenotaph, if you complete a COVID-19 risk assessment and take all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the virus.

What can a Remembrance Sunday event involve?

The Remembrance Sunday event at the National Cenotaph will be adjusted this year to ensure the event is as safe as possible. Local events should be adapted to reflect the same principles. They should:

- be outdoors, as transmission risks are significantly reduced
- be short and focussed on wreath laying, with a reduced march past or parade only if social distancing can be maintained
- take advantage of opportunities for wreath layers to represent wider groups
- any small, military bands should observe social distancing. Buglers can perform outdoors at Remembrance Sunday events.
- keep numbers to a minimum, focussing attendance on those wishing to lay wreaths (more information on who can attend below)
- take reasonable steps to minimise wider public viewing. The public can only attend the event with their own household or those in their support bubble, or individually with one other person from outside their household.
- observe [social distancing](#) at all times

Limited communal singing, involving the national anthem and one additional song, is permitted outside for Remembrance Sunday, if additional mitigations are put in place. Steps that will need to be taken are:

- communal singing must be outdoors only
- songs should be a few minutes or less
- there should be 2 metres between attendees
- any surrounding surfaces that are touched should be regularly cleaned
- there must be very clear rules about non-attendance of the symptomatic, those who are isolating as close contacts of a case or who has been advised to do so by NHS Test & Trace and those quarantining
- all relevant rules on gatherings are to be followed
- consideration should be given to the vulnerability of some individuals

Who can attend a Remembrance Sunday event?

Event organisers should keep numbers of those participating in the event to a minimum. For the avoidance of doubt, the following people are legally permitted to attend events to commemorate Remembrance Sunday as participants. Attendees should observe social distancing at all times. Attendees should also take advantage of opportunities for wreath layers to represent wider groups.

- people attending as part of their work (such as local councillors, local faith leaders, the local MP)
- people attending in a voluntary capacity on behalf of a recognised organisation

- members of the armed forces
- veterans of the armed forces, and/or their representatives or carers

Members of the public are legally permitted to stop and watch the event as spectators, but event organisers should take reasonable steps to discourage the public from attending events, and be mindful of the risk that such events pose, especially to veterans who are often elderly.

Where members of the public do attend, they must only attend the event with their own household or those in their support bubble, or one other person (children under school age, as well as those dependent on round-the-clock care, such as those with severe disabilities, who are with their parents will not count towards the limit on 2 people meeting outside) and observe social distancing rules.

Event organisers should review the updated guidance on the [clinically extremely vulnerable](#), and ensure this is taken into account when planning events.

Test and Trace

Event organisers must take reasonable steps to record the contact details of those attending (including those present in a working capacity, and members of the public who stop to spectate).

Event organisers must keep a temporary record of attendees for 21 days, in a way that is manageable, and assist NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data if needed. This could help contain clusters or outbreaks. Further detail can be found in the [current Test and Trace guidance](#).

Full details of this guidance can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-preparations-for-remembrance-sunday/local-authority-preparations-for-remembrance-sunday>

National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph



The Government-led Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph will continue to go ahead as a closed ceremony. It will be broadcast live on BBC One from 10.15am on Sunday 8 November as representatives of the Royal Family, the Government and the Armed Forces lay wreaths at the Cenotaph. You will also be able to **watch a live stream of events from the Cenotaph on the Royal British Legion Facebook page**.

Despite the changes this year, the Royal British Legion are encouraging people across the nations to ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching the service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in their home or on their doorsteps.

More than 17,000 online services and events provided by Church of England parishes

More than 17,000 online services and events are being provided by Church of England churches following the introduction of the lockdown and restrictions on public worship earlier this year, according to a new report published today.

Figures from the Church of England's [A Church Near You website](#), which allows people to search for church services and events, show that more than 17,000 online services or events are now listed, including Sunday Communion services, Bible studies and morning or night prayer. Many of these services take place regularly and this figure represents a snapshot of the likely total number.



The statistics do not include the [Church of England's national online weekly services](#) broadcast on Sundays and shared on Facebook and YouTube.

There have been nearly three million views of the national online services and posts about the weekly broadcasts have been seen 23.6 million times. Contributors have included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Duke of Cambridge and Pope Francis.

The national online services are being watched by a wide range of ages and around one in five people viewing go to church infrequently or not at all.

Other figures in the report show that official Church of England apps from Church House Publishing – the most popular being Daily Prayer, or the Daily Office of morning, evening and night prayer - have been used more than seven million times so far this year, up from five million in 2019. Church of England social media posts have been seen 86 million times so far, nearly double the total for last year.

The growth in online services has been helped by the Church of England stepping up its digital training programme for congregations. More than 4,200 vicars and local church leaders have taken part in remote digital training courses so far this year, four times the number as in 2019.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: “At a time when many have felt isolated and fearful, Church of England parishes and clergy have broadcast thousands of online church services and events, seeking to bring comfort and hope to their communities. We know that tens of thousands of those tuning in will never have had contact with their local Church of England parish before and may never have heard the Christian message. Their welcome presence is a sign of the great hunger we all have for spiritual meaning in our lives.”

The 2020 digital figures are published alongside the Mission Statistics for 2019 showing social action and church attendance until December. The figures show that parishes were already running or supporting 35,000 social action projects before the pandemic, serving communities across the country from lunch clubs for older people to parent and toddler groups and food banks.

More than 4,000 parent/carer toddler groups are run or supported by Church of England churches, while more than 5,000 churches run or support lunch clubs, coffee mornings or similar hospitality for older people.

The figures show the extent of church support for people living in food poverty with nearly 8,000 food banks run or supported by Church of England churches.

Nearly 60% of churches are involved in food bank provision while nearly one in three reported either running, hosting or supporting a parent/toddler group. Other figures showed 2,700 churches involved in community cafes, 2,400 in night shelters and 2,300 in holiday or breakfast clubs.

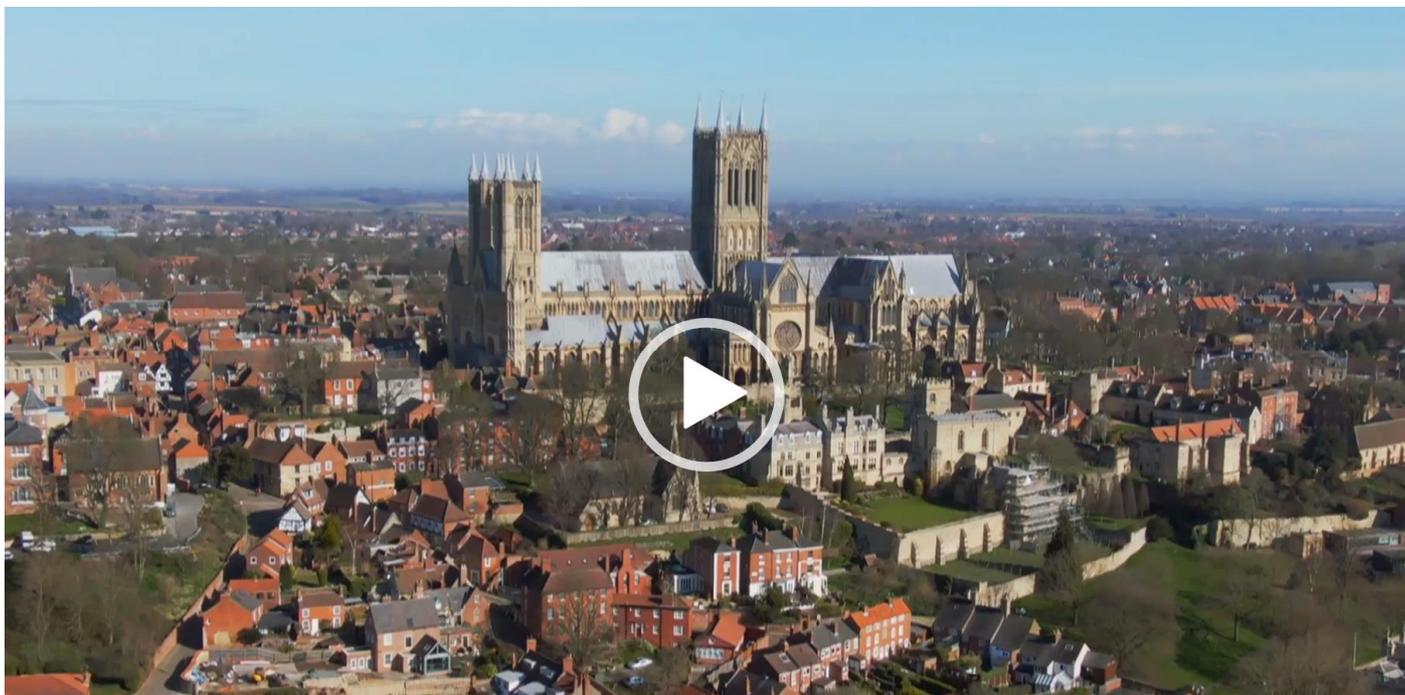
The findings show Church of England churches were involved in 35,000 social action projects, compared to 33,000 recorded in 2017.

The figures for social action have been released alongside statistics showing that the number of regular worshippers attending church once a month or more decreased by 1% in 2019 to 1.11 million.

On average, 854,000 people attended Church of England services and acts of worship each week in October 2019, a decline of 2.1% compared to the year before. The additional number of people attending services for schools in Church of England churches rose by 3% to 182,000. Usual Sunday attendance fell by 2% to 690,000 in 2019.

There were nearly eight million attendances at Christmas and Advent services and more than a million people attended Church of England church services at Easter.

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A new series of the Channel 4 programme *Britain's Most Historic Towns*, began this Saturday (7 November). This can also be seen on All4 – Channel 4's catch up service.

Presented by Dr Alice Roberts, the first episode is medieval Lincoln which features Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln Castle among others.

You can watch Britain's Most Historic Towns on Saturday evenings at 8pm on Channel 4.

The full series includes:

Medieval Lincoln – 7 November
Restoration London – 14 November
Portsmouth Age of Empire – 21 November
Elizabethan Plymouth – 28 November
Glasgow Age of Steam – 5 December
Georgian Edinburgh – 12 December
Industrial Revolution Manchester – 19 December

Churches to hold month of prayer as second lockdown begins

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and a number of senior church leaders are inviting Christians across the nation to participate in the month of prayer as a second lockdown in England comes into force.

Throughout the month, Christians will be encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern, wherever they are, culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each evening, with cathedrals and churches across the country invited to ring a bell at this time.

Christians will be encouraged to follow a simple seven-day prayer cycle, praying for a specific area each day including the NHS and frontline workers, the bereaved, and those struggling with physical and mental ill-health, and for children and young people.

Prayers and other resources will be shared on social media with the hashtag #PrayerForTheNation.

New Community of Prayer for cathedral's soaring online congregation

It is more than 900 years since a travelling community of monks settled on the site that is now Durham Cathedral. Now, amid the momentous events of 2020, the Cathedral has founded an online Community of Prayer to serve its growing digital congregation around the world.



A core group of 200 people have been engaging proactively with digital services put out by the cathedral, a World Heritage Site. A further 1,300 people are then returning later in the day to an online service. The Community of Prayer has been launched online to engage with the new internet worshippers. Free to join, the Community takes place on Facebook with monthly Zoom meetings. Quiet days held twice monthly, are also on offer.

Canon Chancellor, Canon Charlie Allen, said: "I am overjoyed to be launching our new online Community of Prayer. Lockdown showed us just how many people across the globe have a real connection to Durham Cathedral and we want to build on this sense of community in a positive and meaningful way by forming this shared space of prayer. I am hopeful that our new online community will become a useful resource for those who would like to deepen their sense of belonging to Durham Cathedral and explore their faith, while also combatting some of the loneliness felt by many at this time."

Congregational worship has returned to Durham Cathedral, which was built in 1093, but the online Community will serve those who are unable to visit in person. You can find out more on Durham Cathedral's website [here](#).

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Lincoln Cathedral

The Chapter Letter 8th November 2020: A Time to Remember

From the Sub-Dean:

There is no doubt that the year 2020 is, for better or for worse, going to be remembered! Pandemic, lockdowns, American presidential elections, Brexit and with our own personal traumas and ordeals the list goes on and on.

With the coming of November, we're in the season of remembering. We have just had All Saints and All Souls and now we have Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who gave their lives in war and we promise during the service that 'we will remember them'.

To remember is to have a sense of identity, to know who we are and where we have come from, the good bits as well as the bad. Without the ability to remember we would all be stuck forever in the present and we all know how distressing it is to have a loved one whose memory is failing. The challenge we have is to make sure that our memories do not become too selective: that as individuals, groups and society we don't cancel out what is perceived to be inconvenient,

objectionable or unworthy. If we let our identity today be shaped by a remembering which is partial, limited or distorted, then we ourselves will become limited or distorted.

In the Eucharist we hear Jesus' words, "Do this in memory of me"; we do indeed remember but we also, by the grace of God, open ourselves to something wider and deeper, more profound and truer than just our immediate surroundings and ourselves. The self-giving love of Jesus is not simply something that happens once in the past: it is present with us as we share together in the bread and the wine, and it feeds us and prepares us – however bleak the present – for an exciting future.

JOHN PATRICK, SUBDEAN

As England entered its second national lockdown from Thursday 5 November, Lincoln Cathedral is once again open for individual private prayer only.

As part of the new government measures which have been introduced, public services are temporarily suspended, events are cancelled and tourist visits can no longer take place, however, live services from the Cathedral will be shared online to allow worship to continue.

On Sunday 8 November, Lincoln Cathedral will live stream a service of Remembrance.

Ordinarily one of the busiest services of the year, Lincoln Cathedral is usually full to capacity for the annual service of Remembrance. Ahead of the second national lockdown, plans had been put in place for a socially distanced version of the service, with the limited number of places to be allocated by a draw, however the new restrictions mean that members of the public can no longer attend.

However, the service will take place as planned and will be streamed live on our Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln.Cathedral>. It will begin at 10.45am on Sunday 8 November. The service will feature the Cathedral Choir and organist, and the music for the service includes O God, our help in ages past and Elgar's Nimrod. The Rt Revd Dr David Court, Acting Bishop of Lincoln will deliver the sermon and will lay a wreath.

The service will also feature poppies falling from the roof of the Cathedral, which has become a poignant part of the service over the last few years.

The order of service can be downloaded from <https://lincolncathedral.com/worship-music/home-worship-resources/orders-of-service/> – allowing those watching to follow along.

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LRSN is a volunteer-led organisation that provides pastoral and practical support to farming and rural people during periods of anxiety, stress and problems relating to their families and businesses.

LRSN is open for business and ready, willing and able to help you, whatever your problem, wherever you are in Lincolnshire. If you or someone you know needs to talk through an issue, please contact us using our helpline number, 0800 138 1710. Visit www.lrsn.co.uk

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Take 1 minute a day to report your health daily on the COVID-19 Symptom Study app even if you are well. Help science beat the virus.

Find out more at <https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

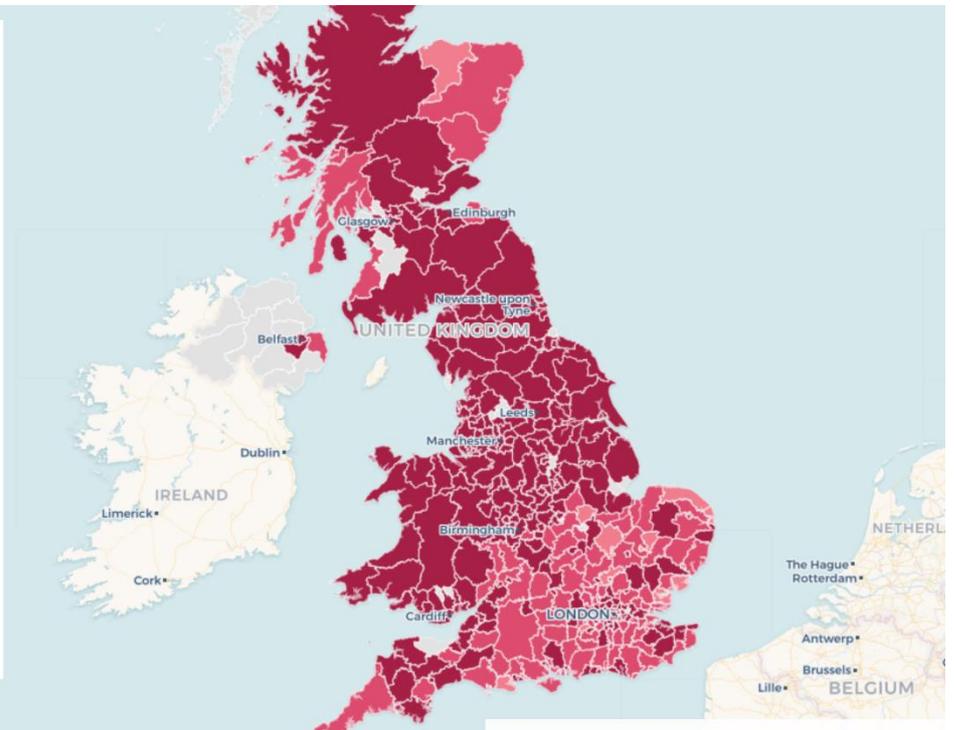
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people are currently predicted to have symptomatic COVID in the UK

Estimated cases per million

- Not enough data
- 0 - 1000 cases pm
- 1000 - 2000 cases pm
- 2000 - 3000 cases pm
- 3000 - 5000 cases pm
- 5000 + cases pm

Last update: 7 of November, 5:00am BST

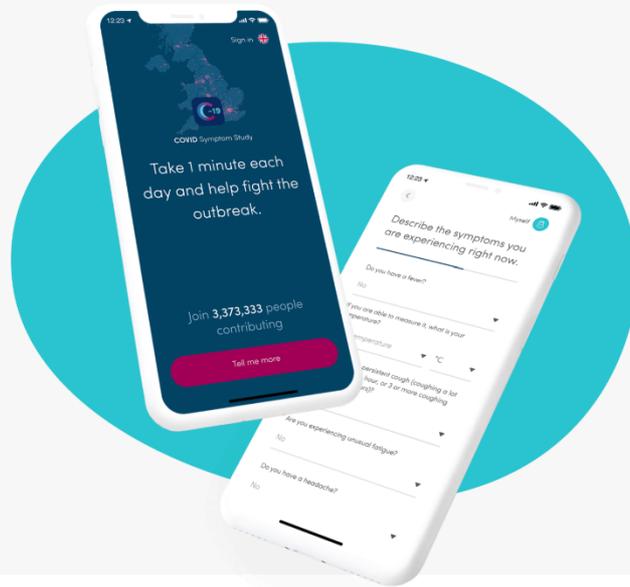


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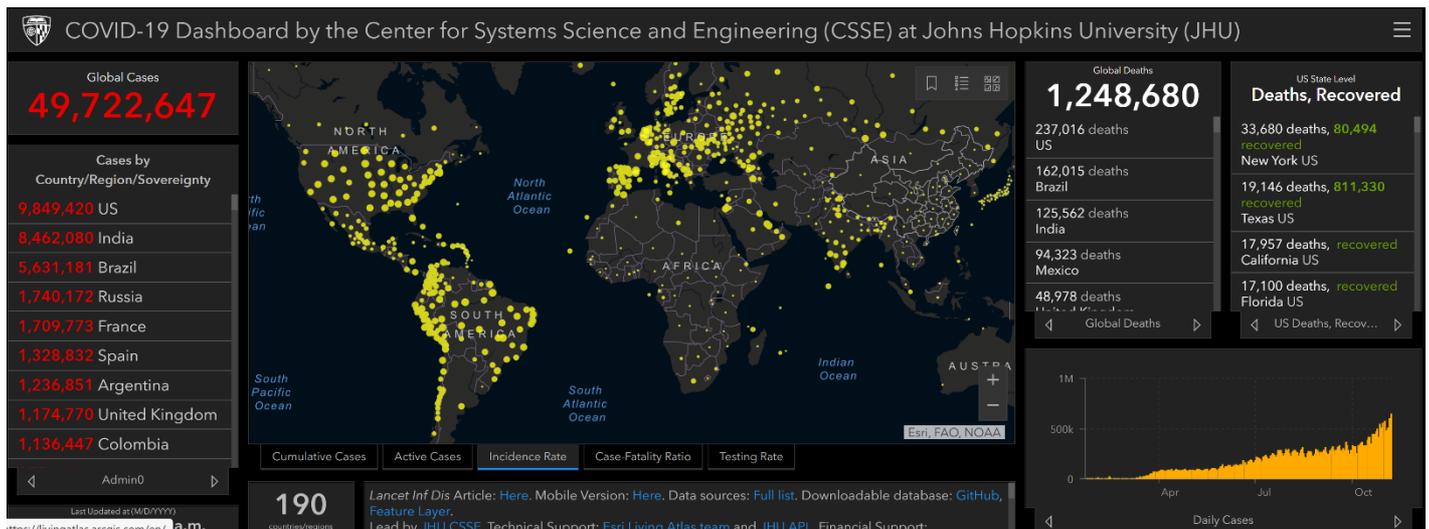
People of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID. Support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

Take 1-min to report your health daily, even if you are well.



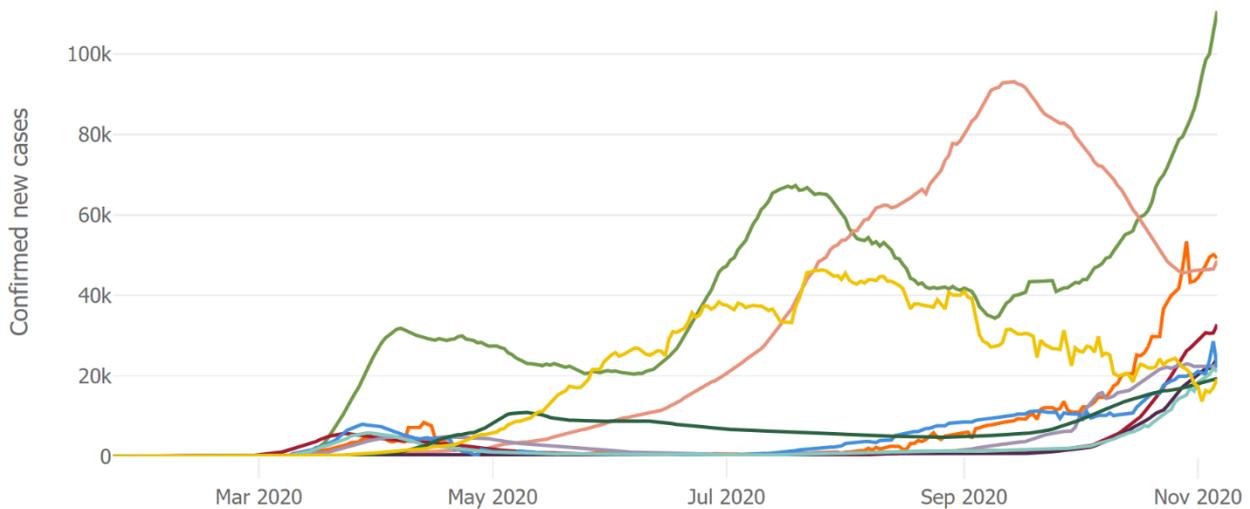
Latest figures

The Johns Hopkins [Covid-19 Dashboard](#) appears to be one of the best source for statistics on the spread of the virus. It is possible to see statistics and graphs for 188 countries with the latest known information.



DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

Outbreak evolution for the current 10 most affected countries



Click any country below to hide/show from the graph:

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| — US | — France | — India | — Italy |
| — Poland | — United Kingdom | — Spain | — Germany |
| — Russia | — Brazil | | |

Mental health

- The Church of England has produced some mental health reflections to help you in this time of uncertainty. You can access them at: cofe.io/MentalHealth.
- The Mental Health Foundation has also produced some useful resources, which can be found at: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>
- You can find a host of other [mental health resources](#) from a variety of different organisations and charities. <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/coronavirus-and-isolation-supporting-yourself-and-your-colleagues/>
<https://www.mind.org.uk>
- Some helpful books and resources are also available from [Sacristy Press](#) at <https://www.sacristy.co.uk/books/coronavirus-church-resources#>

Further links to mental health charities can be found on the NHS webpages at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

Topical Prayers

The Church of England website offers words you can use in your prayers for all kinds of situations ranging from the everyday to personal situations, family events and prayers for others. If you need some help finding the right words, please go to the Church of England website here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/topical-prayers>

Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

STOP. Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits
- Vaccines or miracle cures – there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home decontamination services.

CHALLENGE. Question communications and encourage others to do the same.

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Only purchase goods and services from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. If in doubt, speak to someone you trust.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good Friend,
help to protect
your family,
friends and
neighbours from
scams.

**Read it.
Share it.
Prevent it.**

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#Coronavirus



PROTECT. Contact:

If you think you have been scammed, contact your bank first.
For advice on scams, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on

0808 223 11 33.

To report a scam, call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040.**

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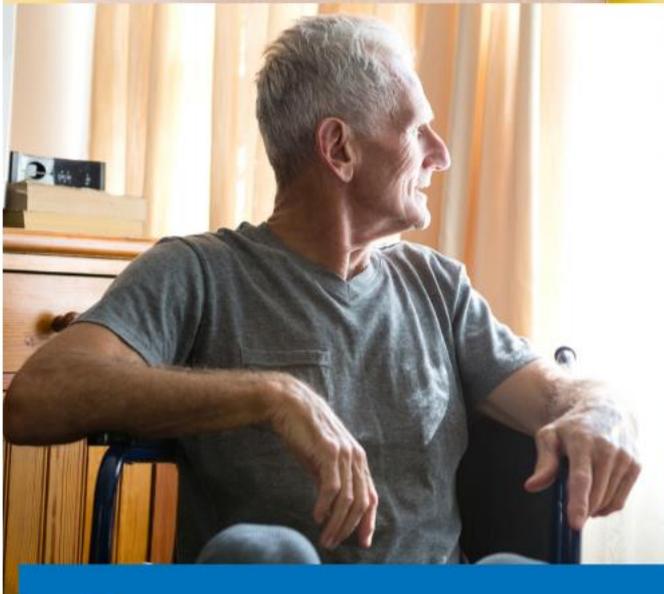
To learn more about different types of scams, visit: www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk

IT'S A SCAM

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**Beware of criminals posing as police officers,
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Do you need some help while self-isolating?

If you need a hand with collecting shopping or prescriptions, or just want someone to talk to, our NHS Volunteer Responders are here to help.

Call **0808 196 3646** or visit nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk