

Latest News – 12th June 2021



Watch the service – Fourth anniversary of Grenfell

A composite image representing a video trailer. On the left is a dark blue vertical banner with white text: "Remembering Grenfell Service Trailer", "THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND" (with a cross logo), and "Join us for our weekly service from 9am on Sunday on Facebook and YouTube". To the right is a grid of six video stills: three individuals in clerical robes (two men and one woman), a woman in a purple jacket, and a group of people in a church holding a green banner that says "GRENFELL".

Our service this week marks the fourth anniversary of the Grenfell fire.

Led by Rev Gareth Wardell, our online worship comes from St Clement and St James Church, and includes a sermon from the Rt Rev Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington.

The service is broadcast on the [Church of England's website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). The service remains available to view afterwards.

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.

Local Services

Sunday 13th June 9.00am New Bolingbroke Morning Worship; 10.30am Sibsey Morning Worship; 10.45am Brothertoft Holy Communion.

“Resourcing Sustainable Church”: A Summary of the Draft Proposals

‘Resourcing Sustainable Church’ is our Lincoln Diocesan response, formed in consultation with over 500 people over the last 15 months, both to the reality of our current financial position - an unsustainable annual budget deficit of over 3 million pounds a year - and our deep desire to respond better to the mission context we find ourselves in today: a changing society and a world that is still reeling from the Covid-19 pandemic. As we work together to become a healthy, vibrant, sustainable church, serving every part of Greater Lincolnshire with the transforming message of Jesus, our task is as it always was, but we know that in order to achieve it, we have to change: together.

The proposals for “Resourcing Sustainable Church” address five main areas of diocesan life affecting our sustainability – both missionally and financially: the pattern of our ministerial deployment (where and how our lay and ordained ministers work); our ability to contribute parish share; our central costs; our historic assets; and our possibilities for growth.

They are still a work in progress, that will be developed and refined over the next weeks through the consultations we are holding. But we are confident that they make sense, that they are doable; and that they provide a way forward for us as a diocesan family, to be faithful in our worship, confident in our discipleship and joyful in our service: together.

A pdf document is available below to download, this gives more information on the five main areas:-

- Proposals for Ministerial Deployment
- Proposals for Parish Share
- Proposals for Growth
- Proposals for Assets
- Conclusion

[Resourcing Sustainable Church - Summary Document \(d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net\)](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net)

Bishop David recently gave an interview with Radio Lincolnshire about the proposals, and this can be heard on the Lincoln Diocesan website

[Diocesan Synod Approves Resourcing Sustainable Church | Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance \(anglican.org\)](https://www.lincolndiocese.org.uk/news/diocesan-synod-approves-resourcing-sustainable-church)

Update on singing in churches

24/05/2021

The Church of England values our precious choral tradition which is at the heart of our Christian worship and the cultural heritage of the nation, and which offers a first class musical education to thousands of children and young people.



Discussing the Government's four-stage plan, The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who leads the Church of England's Recovery Group, said:

"We understand the frustration that many feel at the limitations in current Government guidance at this stage and share the longing for amateur choirs and indeed congregations to be able to sing without restrictions. During the Covid-19 pandemic we have worked with the Government to try to ensure that guidance for churches and places of worship was proportionate, and informed by a detailed understanding of our environments and practices. All along, we have encouraged the Government to be alert to the consequences of our choirs' continued silence as well as the loss of congregational singing.

"We are reminding the Government of the importance we place on singing to lift our prayers to God, and look ahead to step four and the enabling of the singing of choirs and congregations to fill our churches and cathedrals once more."

Can we pray to win the Euros? - Premier League lead chaplain on faith and football

As the Euro 2020 football championships finally begin, we caught up with Matt Baker, Sports Chaplaincy UK National Director for England & Pastoral Support Director in English Football, to talk about football chaplaincy and why he thinks that it could be England's year...



Matt, you've been Pastoral Support Director in English Football since November 2009 – what does that role entail?

I work with the Premier League, English Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association to bring some accountability, training and oversight to football chaplaincy. I support chaplains by visiting them at their clubs, connecting them with other chaplains and providing ongoing training. This includes areas such as bereavement support, handling addictions, mental health awareness and dealing with the media. I also help clubs find new chaplains.

You're also Chaplain at Charlton Athletic FC - what does an average week look like?

I spend two to three hours at the training ground each week, speaking to players and staff as they come off the training pitch, in the canteen or in offices. Most is general conversation as they get to know and trust me so that when a specific pastoral issue arises they will be comfortable speaking to me about it. On home match days I am at the stadium a couple of hours before kick-off. Some players come to me for pre-match prayers and then I go round the stadium speaking with whoever wants to talk such as the press office, security, match day announcer, management & backroom staff and - before the pandemic - some of the fans.

How many clubs have a chaplain?

We currently have about 160 chaplains at various levels in the English game.

What makes a good football chaplain?

Not every church minister or leader will be suited to the role of chaplain. It is about finding the

person with the right skill set to support people pastorally and spiritually in a largely secular and highly competitive environment.

What are some of the ways chaplains support footballers?

Footballers experience the same issues as everybody else – family illness, bereavements, mental health issues and the stresses and strains of normal life. A chaplain offers support through this by non-judgemental confidential listening, giving advice if asked and by signposting to organisations more qualified to help. There are also some specific football issues such as dealing with injuries, the competitive atmosphere or concerns about coming to the end of a career. On a more positive note chaplains take dedications of children or baptisms, advise on marriage or take a marriage ceremony for players. There is also the offer of individual prayer or prayer meetings and bible studies. Players struggle to be involved in a local church because of their schedule so on-site spiritual support is vital for some.

Are you ever asked what a vicar is doing in a football club?

Not really, as chaplaincy has become fairly embedded within football. Some players haven't experienced it before, particularly if they have come to the club from abroad or only been at clubs without a chaplain. At my own club at one time we had three managers in a year and none of them had experienced chaplaincy before so I had to start all over again in explaining my role and function at the club.

Euro 2020 is finally underway! Most of the players at Euro 2020 have been playing for 12 months in front of empty grounds. How do you think they will adjust to having some fans back in the seats during the tournament?

I think there will be a mix of emotions and responses. Players thrive on a crowd and so will be pleased to have the vocal support of fans in the ground and supporters to celebrate in front of when they score or win. On the other hand, I spoke to one player who felt that having got used to playing in front of empty stadia for so long it might be a bit of a shock for some who have got accustomed to the relative quiet. Football crowds can be harsh, especially if their team isn't performing, so I hope that fans will remember the impact they can have on players - especially during Euro 2020 – and get behind the team.

You've got to know a lot of football players over the years – how do they deal with the pressure of big games?

Everybody is different and there is no single answer to this. Some players might struggle to sleep before a big game. Others are able to zone out and treat it like any other game. Routine seems to be very important, to stick to the same preparation for a big game as you would for a lesser game as far as possible. From a Christian perspective I've always considered it a tremendous privilege to pray with a player before a game. I'm always clear that whilst I want them to win I am not going to pray for a win and this is true of the major games as well as the more minor ones. However, in my experience I have seen it help a player involved in a big game to calm any unnecessary nerves and to know that his worth and identity is not based on his performance on the pitch that day but on the One in whom his faith is placed.

England have a young team this year. In your experience, is there more or less pressure on younger players in big games?

England do have some young players but let's not forget that they have still played in some big games already such as a Premier League title game or Champion's League final! You also find that some young players feel the pressure less, unlike a senior player who may see this as their last chance a young player can play with a freedom and confidence and with less fear of the outcome.

How do you think England will get on in the tournament, and who are you tipping to stand out on the pitch?

You're asking someone who is always ridiculously optimistic! I genuinely think England have a chance of winning the tournament. We did well in the last World Cup in Russia, although the draw was favourable, and I think we have a better squad and improved tactics this time. I know a lot of people are talking up Phil Foden and likewise I expect him to do well as he finished the season so strongly. Jack Grealish is also very exciting to watch and I think if he has a good tournament we'll go far. If it's not to be England that win then I like Italy. The pundits are favouring France or Belgium more but Italy have an excellent record under Mancini and they are always a difficult team to beat.

Who will be the tournament's top scorer?

The Golden Boot must be going to Harry Kane! He won it at the World Cup and is probably the best striker in the world at the moment. If not, perhaps Robert Lewandowski of Poland, it will probably be his last major tournament, he's a prolific goal scorer and could go out with a bang!

Your dream wedding



As COVID restrictions are lifted, many couples will be thinking about their dream wedding and 'setting the date'.

Estimates of the average cost of a wedding today range between £16,000 and £30,000, depending on what you include. This is beyond the budget of many people. But you could get married in church for less than £1,000 including music and bells in a ceremony that is personal and meaningful.

Wherever you have the celebration afterwards you could hold the ceremony itself in a beautiful church in the parish where you live, in a church to which you have a family connection or you can make your own by attending that church's usual services for six months. Many people think they're not allowed to be married in church, but you don't have to have attended church regularly for years and you don't have to be 'religious'. However, it is a religious ceremony in that you will take your vows in the name of God. To many people, the spiritual element is very powerful.

Revd Andrew Roberts, Diocesan lead for promoting weddings said: "I love doing weddings and a church wedding is very special. It's wonderful for families to come together to celebrate, but the really meaningful part of the day is that the two people have come together and made promises to each other to last their lifetime. You can do this very simply and still have a beautiful day. I have many weddings booked for this year and 2022 and I hope as restrictions are lifted that I welcome more couples into the church as they take this next step on their journey together."

To see what a Church wedding can offer go to <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/> And to find the contact details why not wander down to your local church and look at the Notice Board, or simply go to <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> and search for where you live or the church where your family are.

Do you have any RN Wrens in your family?



Dauntless Divisional Photos, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, is running a project to gather divisional photographs and memories from women who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield / HMTE Burghfield / HMTE Dauntless / HMS Dauntless / Reading.



The initiative will also provide an opportunity for women to reunite with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments.

So if you know of any woman who served please get in touch with the project co-ordinators on the email or numbers below:

Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp
Project Coordinators

Email: ddpwrens@gmail.com

Telephone: 07765 435295 or 0771 990 9844.

Church of England commits £1.25 million to enabling digital giving in parishes

25/05/2021

First pilot begins as Church of England aims to enable contactless giving in half of all parishes over the next two years.

More than 100 churches across the Diocese of Carlisle will be the first to take part in a national pilot scheme to help encourage contactless giving, making giving easier for congregations. The pilot will help pave the way for a £1.25m investment from the Church of England which will see thousands more churches accept contactless and digital payments over the next two years.

The funding will be used to provide contactless devices for churches. Consideration for connectivity in rural settings has been taken into account, with churches being offered one of two types of device depending on each parish's context. Two further pilots will take place in other dioceses later this year before the nation-wide roll out begins.

All those churches taking part will be offered training and one-to-one support. Grace Emmett, National Digital Giving Manager for the Church of England, and David Stout, Regional Giving Advisor for the North, are currently touring churches in the county, offering drop-in advice sessions for Cumbrian churches.

Grace explained: "As the trend continues for card payments to outperform payments made using cash, contactless giving will enable visitors and regular churchgoers the ability to quickly and easily support the life and ministry of churches across the Diocese of Carlisle. Experience so far is that contactless donations are, on average, three times the value of cash donations. Working with churches in Cumbria allows us to see how contactless giving functions in a range of contexts, from the city of Carlisle to towns and villages. Enabling contactless payments will be ideal for helping tourists and ramblers share generously within the local economy as they visit churches while out and about exploring the Lakes. We're also excited to see how these units support churches in the urban centres of Carlisle, Workington, and Barrow where churches are delivering front line support to their local communities."

The Rev Beverley Lock, Team Rector of St Mary's, Ambleside, said: "We really welcome the opportunity to help lead this pilot and give thanks that Cumbria has been chosen as a pilot area.

"More and more we are seeing people who worship in and visit our churches turning to contactless forms of payment in their day-to-day lives so it's really important that the church is able to offer them the same opportunity to give financially.

"We are so grateful for all the ways in which people give to our mission, both through action and in monetary ways. During the Covid pandemic, we've really missed our regular visitors for their fellowship and encouragement. We hope this will make their generous giving easier."

The Bridge – June 2021 edition

The latest edition of The Bridge has been published online on the [A Church Near You](#) websites for the nine local church websites for Sibsey, Frithville, New Bolingboke, Carrington, Wildmore, Langrick, Holland Fen, Brothertoft and Kirton Holme.

IT'S A SCAM

FRAUDSTERS WANT YOUR MONEY

Beware of criminals posing as police officers, bank staff, inland revenue or PPI companies



Bride saves £11,000 by taking the bus to her church wedding and eating a chippy meal afterwards.

Revd Peter Collins had the pleasure of helping to arrange and be a part of Rosie and Foz's big day.



Rosie Binning, 36, and Foz, 50, had to rearrange their big day four times due to the coronavirus pandemic and finally managed to say 'I do' last month.

The couple from North Hykeham, Lincoln, had planned a festival-themed wedding in May 2020, but due to Covid restrictions they had to put it on hold.

After rearranging the celebrations several times, Rosie and Foz decided to ditch the theme, transport and caterers for a smaller wedding in May 2021. Opting for public transport and ordering food from a local fish and chips shop, they spent just £2,600 - down from the original price of £14,000.

Rosie, who works as a child care assistant, said: "Our wedding had been cancelled once, rearranged three times and postponed by a whole year and we didn't want to wait any longer. So we were forced to cut the guests from 200 to 22 and ditch the marquee, food stalls, DJ and bands. It was supposed to be a festival themed wedding with a weekend of glamping too. We ended up booking a local church hall adjacent to the church which is a mile away from our house so I said I'll just get the bus. The bus stop is right outside so it made sense. Everyone thought it was a genius idea! We even purchased custom-made face masks for £50 as you can't get on public transport without one.

The couple were delighted when Stagecoach East Midlands offered to send a bus just for them - and the bridal party were waved off by onlookers in the park.



Foz, an aviation consultant, said: "Our wedding was always about having fun and sharing the day with family and friends. We didn't want to follow the formalities and have a sit-down meal with speeches."

The church hall was decorated with handmade bunting and guests tucked into a chippy - with the bill costing £130. The couple purchased biodegradable plates, cutlery and glasses for only £10.

Foz said: "Originally, our budget was £14,000 but we managed to pull the day off for less than £2,600. The most expensive item was Rosie's wedding dress which was £800 and the four bridesmaid dresses were £100 each.

"We had friends all over the country watching on the live stream and dancing with us in their living rooms. Remote friends were even sending us messages and making requests to the DJ's. It made the day feel like we had shared the fun and frolics with all of our family and friends. I think we have shown you don't have to spend a fortune to make your day special. We did what worked for us."

The Plan for Re-opening after lockdown



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Lincoln Cathedral

Chapter Letter – 13th June 2021

I am not sure whether I am typical, but at the moment it feels as if we are in a strange place: there is a feeling that a difficult time might be coming to a close – but an equal worry that the difficulties are not yet over. I think there is some truth to this, especially if we look beyond our own communities to the challenges still being faced by others in nations across the world. I suspect that there is also a challenge for many of us, as we leave the most restricted aspects of lockdown behind us, that we can now release those emotions, worries and fears that we did our best to keep hidden as we faced what seemed to be the most difficult times. All this points to a reality that we probably face; of seeking to rebalance our lives in a new situation – seeking to hold onto those good things that we may have discovered over the past year or more, and striving to put aside and leave behind those more negative aspects of lockdown life that may continue to hurt and damage us if we do not reconcile ourselves to them.

‘Our heart is restless, until it repose in Thee’ (Augustine, Confessions)

It was with thoughts like these that I embarked on my first day out beyond the borders of Lincolnshire. In the course of my travels, I found myself reading the introductory passages of Augustine’s famous Confessions, where he starts to engage with the basics of Christian faith through his own experiences. One phrase that stuck out to me was one that I have read and prayed many times before – the passage quoted above. It was a salient reminder that all too often we seek to find solutions by ourselves – we fail to allow ourselves to do what we are bidden to do by letting ourselves trust in Christ and find rest in the presence of God.

For me, this serves as a timely reminder that it is not by ourselves that we will find rest – it is not by our own strivings that we will find a true peace. Rather, we have to entrust ourselves to God and, in doing so, entrust ourselves to those who seek God alongside us. After a time when we have often been artificially isolated from others and from each other, we now need to relearn what it is to walk alongside others – how we can support them, and how we need to accept the support they provide us. As we learn these renewed ways of working and learning together, we have fresh opportunities to seek anew ways of living out in our lives the love that we believe flows from God – the love that we find demonstrated on the self-giving of the Cross and the transforming glory of the empty tomb.

‘We walk by faith, not by sight’ (2 Corinthians 5.7)

If we are to do this, we need to take seriously Paul’s exhortation (which we hear in this Sunday’s readings) to walk by faith – to trust in others, and not to rely on our own resources; to seek to love in all we do. Of course, as we trust in others, we are led to trusting in the God who sustains us. As Paul indicates, if we are to live life in the fullness that God leads us toward, we cannot do this if our sights are set to close at hand – we need to look beyond what we can see in the immediate, and let ourselves be led into the better places that lie beyond.

NICK BROWN, PRECENTOR

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Lincoln Cathedral’s new café and shop will open to the public on Monday 28 June.

Set in the historic Old Deanery, and overlooking the newly landscaped Dean’s Green, Lincoln Cathedral Café has delicious food and drinks, bright modern interiors and a wonderfully welcoming atmosphere.

The menu features a range of tempting items from light lunches to indulgent cream teas (which are sure to become a firm favourite.) The focus on local, nourishing and high-quality ingredients, delivered by a dedicated, skilled and friendly team creates the perfect setting to enjoy a relaxing dining experience.

Lincoln Cathedral shop has long been popular with visitors, but now with a contemporary new space in the visitor centre, a stunning boutique look and entrance direct from the Dean's Green, it is hoped that more people than ever will be able to discover the array of unusual and appealing gifts within.

Several new product lines will be unveiled on launch day including unique Lincoln Cathedral branded beers from the local Ferry Ales Brewery and a stunning bespoke range of Sophie Allport items created exclusively for the Cathedral.

Will Harrison, Chapter Clerk at Lincoln Cathedral, said that the opening of the shop and café was the culmination of many years' work and a cause for much needed celebration after a turbulent 18 months.

The pattern of prayer and worship in the cathedral

Sunday

7.45am – Litany (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine

8am – Holy Communion (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine

10am – SUNG EUCHARIST (Choristers & Lay Vicars), Nave

12.30pm – Holy Communion (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine

3.45pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Lay Vicars), St Hugh's Choir

Monday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine

5.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

Tuesday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

8.30am – Holy Communion, St Hugh's Shrine

12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine

5.30pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Choristers & Lay Vicars), Nave

Wednesday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

12.30pm – Eucharist (BCP), St Hugh's Shrine

5.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

Thursday

8am – Morning Prayer at St Hugh's Shrine

8.30am – Holy Communion, St Hugh's Shrine

12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine

5.30pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Lay Vicars), St Hugh's Choir

Friday

8am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

9am – 'Stillpoint', Ringer's Chapel (Third Friday of the month only)

12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine

5.30pm – CHORAL EVENSONG (Choristers & Lay Vicars), Nave

Saturday

9am – Morning Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

12.30pm – Eucharist, St Hugh's Shrine

4.30pm – Evening Prayer, St Hugh's Shrine

Evensong 25 June

Join us as we say thank you to our friends and colleagues who have left the Cathedral during the pandemic. We will be making a presentation to John Campbell our former Dean's Verger as we have been unable to do this sooner due to the pandemic. Anyone wishing to contribute to the collection for John should pass their contributions to the Vergers Vestry.

Online Prayer Wall

Lincoln Cathedral offers an online prayer wall where prayers can be left from the comfort and safety of your home and a virtual candle lit. Visit <https://lincolncathedral.com/prayers/>

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Lincoln Cathedral's collection of rare artefacts, is for the first time available for the public to view online.

The online catalogue – which is accessed via the cathedral's website – will showcase imagery and information on the history of each object and will be continually updated. The first collection to be showcased is the Cathedral's silver collection, which includes many unique pieces; from chalices discovered during excavations in the Nave, to items from churches across the Diocese of Lincoln. Highlights include a Fijian coconut cup from around 1650, on loan from St John the Baptist's Church, Yarborough. A rare example, the bowl and foot are made out of a coconut shell. There is also a silver chalice from 1889, decorated with the jewellery of Bishop Hick's wife, adding a personal touch to a stunning object.

The objects offer insights into the craftspeople who produced them, the person who commissioned them, where they were used, the archaeologists who discovered them and the time period they represent.



Fern Dawson, curator at Lincoln Cathedral, said, "The work to better understand the Cathedral's collections is ongoing, with surprising stories revealing themselves whether it's through a chance conversation, coming across a letter or article, or working with museum specialists from organisations such as the British Museum. You never know what you will discover and where research will lead. "Sharing the Cathedral's collections with the public is so important and having online access to it is vital at this time. Combining the library and object collection brings together new connections and new stories.

"Myself and the whole team at the Cathedral hope the public really enjoy seeing and learning about some of the significantly important treasures we have here at the Cathedral."

The online catalogue also contains records for the Cathedral Library collection which contains 10,000 rare early printed books (those dated before 1801), its collection of 120 "incunabula" (those printed before 1501) and much of its modern reference collection.

Julie Taylor, librarian at Lincoln Cathedral, explained, "The new catalogue has enabled us to add the Cathedral's 261 medieval manuscripts, with full descriptive records taken from the *'Catalogue of the manuscripts of Lincoln Chapter Library'* by Rodney Thomson and previous 2010 online catalogue. These range in date from the tenth to the early sixteenth century and include Bibles, prayer books, commentaries on the Psalms and books of Church law. They also include works of literary importance such as the Thornton manuscript and one of the few remaining manuscript copies of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. There is also a collection of some 30 manuscripts of special significance by Italian theologian Peter Lombard."

"The new online catalogue also includes some of the Cathedral's historic archive which is housed at Lincolnshire Archives. So, if you are a budding researcher or just fancy a browse, there are plenty of interesting and unexpected objects, manuscripts, and books to discover."

For those wishing to physically access the Cathedral collections, the research and reading rooms are currently closed due to lockdown restrictions. However, members of the Collections Team are answering enquiries and will be happy to help.

Collections: fern.dawson@lincolncathedral.com. **Library:** Julie.taylor@lincolncathedral.com.

To access the collection, visit: <https://archive.lincolncathedral.com/>



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.

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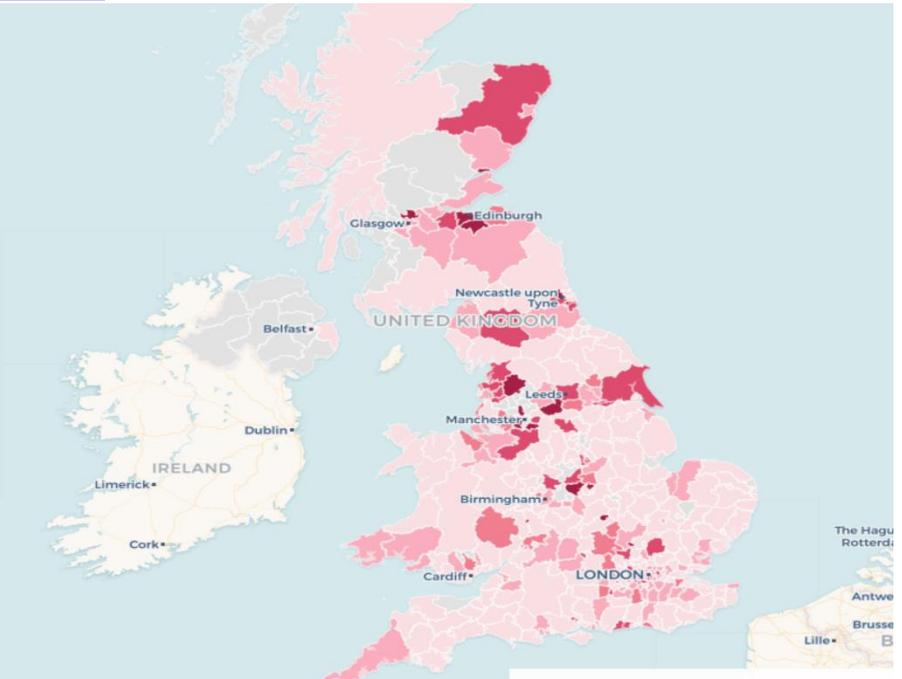
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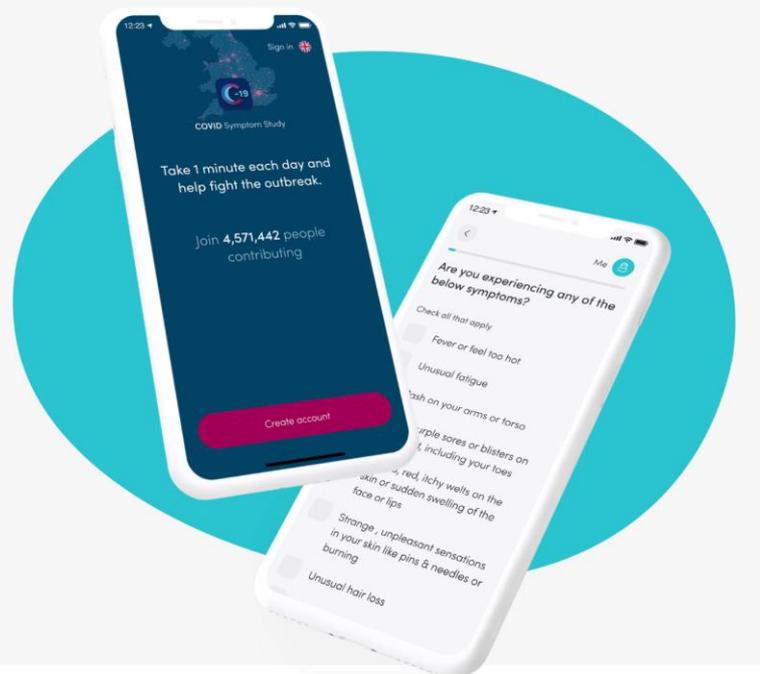


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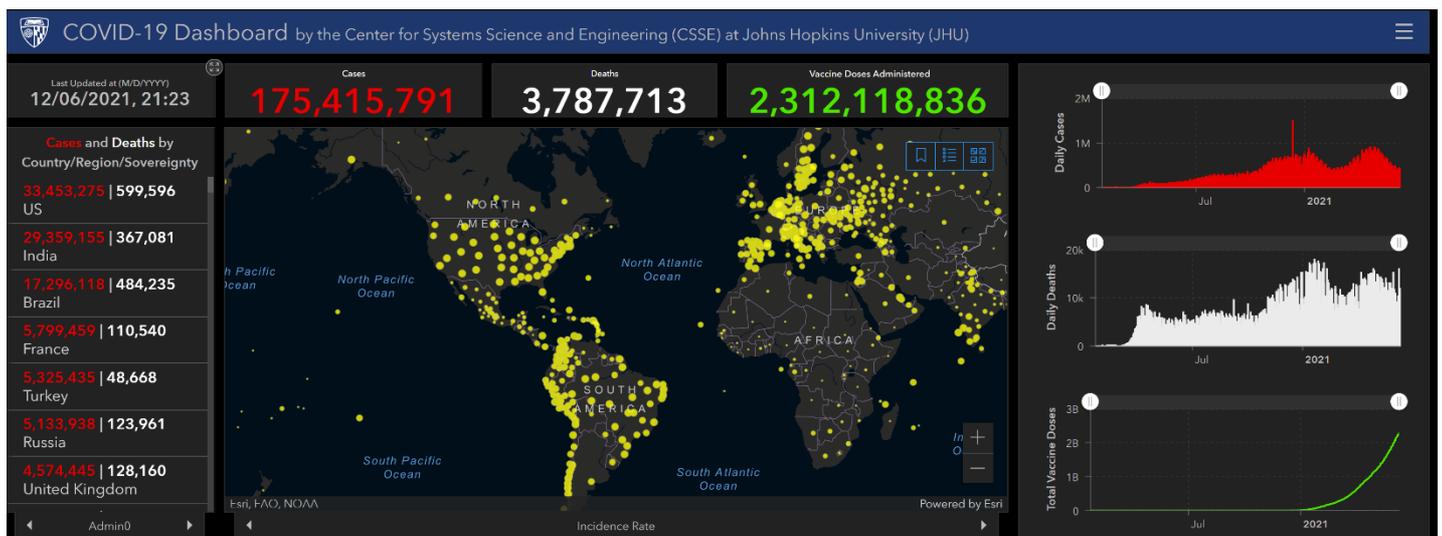
People of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID. Support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

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



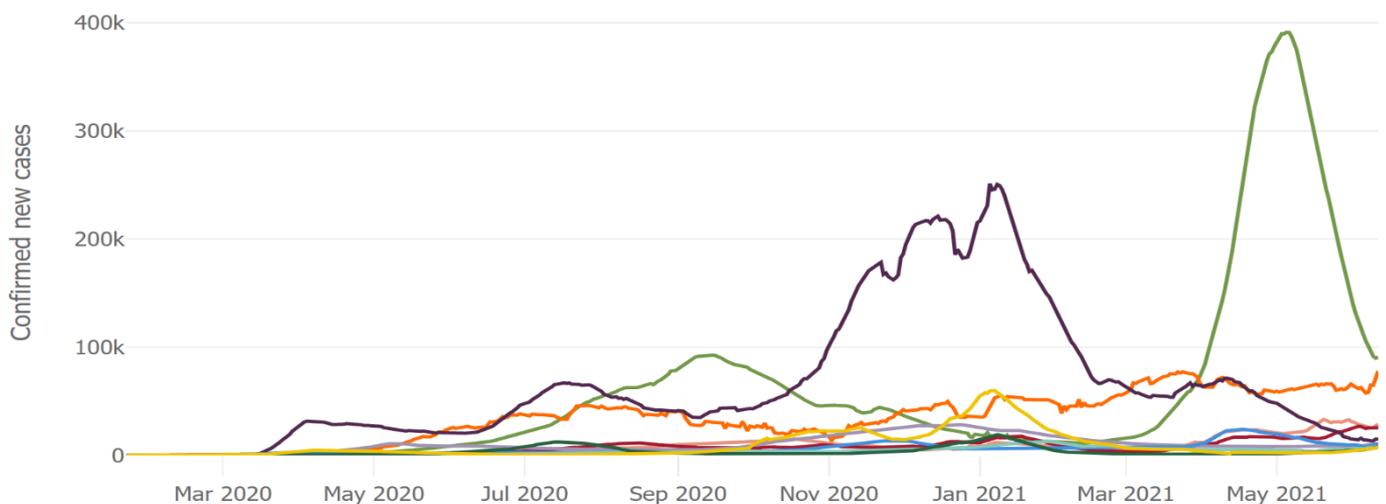
Latest figures

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 191 countries with the latest known information.



DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

Outbreak evolution for the current most affected countries



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

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| — South Africa | — United Kingdom | | |

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>

Daily Hope

Daily Hope is a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. This will enable as many people as possible to access the content we are developing.

St Botolph's Church – Boston Stump



Service Times

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our service times have temporarily changed to the following. Our services are available via Zoom, to join us please email admin@parishofboston.co.uk or call (01205) 310929 to obtain the login details.

Sunday Services

Sung Eucharist – 11.00am

Mid-week Service

Said Eucharist – Wednesday at 10:30am

Covid-19 one year on, access to health and social care services, and the future

In April 2020, Healthwatch Lincolnshire invited the public to tell us how the Covid-19 pandemic was affecting them, both in terms of accessing healthcare services and personally with their emotional and mental health needs. The results were shared locally and nationally with healthcare organisations which helped them better understand the impact Covid19 was having on people.



One year on, and we are revisiting this work to ask how you have adapted to new ways of accessing healthcare, whether you are excited about getting back shopping, going to the hairdressers or on a night out, or maybe you have re-evaluated your priorities and the things that

were once important, no longer are. Perhaps you are apprehensive about going out, not necessarily because of Covid19, but because it's been so long since you have been out and socialised, that you feel you might need help to start again.

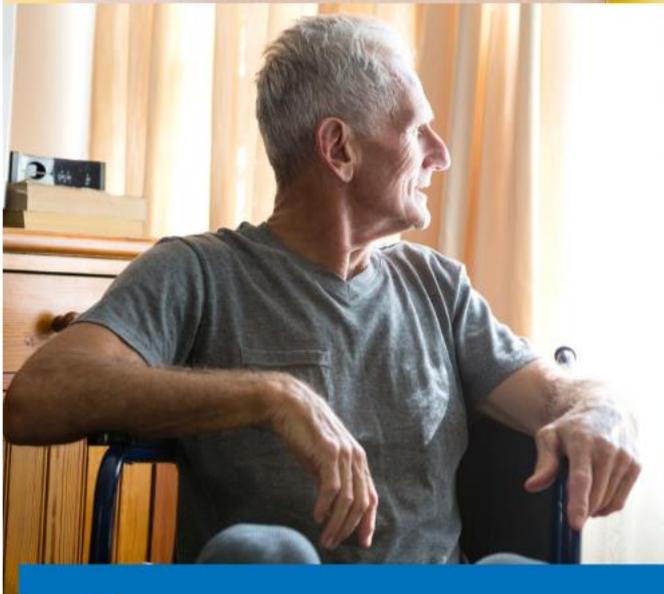
It is important that healthcare services better understand what is working well and where they need to focus their resources to help people. It is also useful to tell the system how people have managed to help themselves, and ways you might have found to cope and more resilient.

[Click HERE to complete the survey](#) or [Covid-19 one year on, access to health and social care services, and the future Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#)

Completing the survey will only take a couple of minutes, it is anonymous and most importantly it will help to direct changes in healthcare services over the coming months and years.

Closing date: June 30th - This survey will run from March through to June with a report of the findings being produced each month, therefore you are able to complete this survey once per month.

If you or someone you know would like support with completing the questions, get in touch and we will contact you online, by telephone or by sending a copy in the post. Call 01205 820892 or email info@healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk.



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.

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