

Latest News –24th October 2021



Watch the service – A Service of the Word for Bible Sunday



Join us for this week's national service from the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Service of the Word for Bible Sunday is led by chaplains Becky Cox and Rev Mike Haslam. 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 24th October 9.00am Frithville Holy Communion 10.45am Wildmore Holy Communion
2.00pm Sibsey Baptism



We are looking for the new Bishop of Lincoln

Your opinion matters.

We want to know what matters to you and your local area as this will help us identify the qualities needed in the next Bishop.

Please help us

Below is a link to a short survey.

[Short Survey](#)

The younger voices of the diocese of Lincoln are being invited to take part in an online survey to name the gifts and skills that they think are required by the next bishop of Lincoln.

The Rt Revd Christopher Lawson will retire as bishop of Lincoln on December 31st 2021. His resignation prompted the beginning of a process to appoint a new bishop. The invitation for the younger voices to give their thoughts, and an online public meeting, are all part of a process with the diocese and county to establish a clear picture of the leadership qualities and themes that are required in the next bishop. Diocesan Secretary, the Revd Canon David Dadswell, says the first online survey has resulted in 600 questionnaires being completed: 'It is very encouraging that so many people wanted to participate in the early part of this process and we are grateful for their time and contributions'.

A revised version of the questionnaire will be available to some of the younger generations of the diocese through Church of England schools and is available through this link

<https://9f0nnymqfvu.typeform.com/to/bWgtvUXH>

An invitation is also being extended to people from within the Church of England and beyond, to contribute their views on what the next bishop of Lincoln will need to bring to the role in an online public meeting. The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary will be present at the meeting on Thursday 21 October at 7pm. The focus of the meeting will be to hear reflections on the priorities for the next Bishop and the qualities people would like to see in the person appointed.

People can register to join the Zoom webinar and share the link with anyone they think may be interested. The link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CvZefz7ITEyS6MRHkGZo-Q

There are also consultations carried out in Lincoln with church members, leaders of other churches, civic groups such as local government, education and charities. The Crown Nominations Commission oversees the process and will eventually after due consideration give a name to the Sovereign to nominate the next bishop of Lincoln. This process, which is likely to conclude in the summer of next year, is confidential and so it is not possible to report back on progress. The diocese is being encouraged to pray for the current

bishop as he concludes his ministry and for the nomination of his successor.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



Almost 20,000 calls every month are made to the service which was launched during the Covid-19 lockdown, with more than 7.15 million minutes spent on more than 550,000 calls..

The phone line originally launched in April 2020, only to continue in response to ongoing demand once restrictions were eased. Daily Hope set up by the Church of England nationally, has also been supported by Connections, a Missional Programme to older people based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

In his message Archbishop Justin says: “Life for many of us continues to feel uncertain in the light of the pandemic, even though restrictions have eased. Some of us have got used to spending more time alone at home, for a variety of reasons – it’s been a tough, tough year and a half. We’re thrilled that the Daily Hope is here for you still, and you can call this free number every day – multiple times each day if you’d like! For some of us getting out to church is still tricky, so I like to think of the Daily Hope as being church brought to you at home.”

Additional content from Andrew Wilman, Assistant Director of Older Peoples Ministries at the Salvation Army, is also being launched which explores the history of well-known hymns. Over the year and a half of service, Daily Hope has continued to encourage people across the country and beyond including Australia, Japan, and the United States.

Since the phoneline launched, users have been able to listen to a range of audio, including the Church of England’s national weekly service, hymns and daily prayer. Many have messaged Lambeth Palace to express their thanks for the introduction of the phone line, particularly for elderly people.

Lincoln Cathedral - The Chapter Letter – 17th October 2021

There's an old saying that "a volunteer is worth ten pressed men", which says something about the value of those who offer their skills, time and energies voluntarily. As a life-long volunteer of various sorts, including thirty-plus years in voluntary ordained ministry and more recently also a volunteer on a heritage steam railway* I can claim some insight into just how important is the contribution which volunteers make to the life of our society.

It is estimated that there are around 160,000 voluntary organisations in Britain, most of which rely heavily on volunteers to enable them to function; and that the voluntary sector is worth around £18 billion to the British economy. But these figures account for only a part of the value of volunteering, which provides all kinds of services to communities, including foodbanks, charities, local transport, social, educational and cultural organisations, often helping disadvantaged or vulnerable people. Without voluntary organisations, many communities would be much the poorer, not just in terms of facilities and services, but in opportunities for people to come together in a common endeavour.

One of the changes in the churches which has come about in the decades of my own ministry is their increased reliance on volunteers of all sorts. In this diocese there are many more voluntary ministers, including Readers and those having the bishop's authorisation, than there are full-time stipendiary clergy. This doesn't include the hundreds of people who give their time freely to the church and its activities and who aren't classified as "ministers"; and nor does it include the six hundred or so volunteers here at the Cathedral. The success of the sustainable future for the diocese which is presently being discussed will rely heavily on the involvement and commitment of volunteers.

It is also widely recognised that there are all kinds of personal and communal benefits from being a volunteer. People are brought together with a common purpose, given a chance to use existing skills and abilities and to learn new ones, and given a sense of making a contribution to the community. Indeed many volunteers speak of their work in terms of "making a difference" or "giving something back"; feeling that they can give as well as receive. In this way, volunteering is an expression of altruism, or generosity, which lies at the heart of all the world's great religions; and it is no surprise that many people of faith are moved to become volunteers as part of their service to God and their neighbour.

So it's good to give some thought to the contribution which volunteers make to the lives of so many people and to the communities in which we live. Long may their efforts continue.

NEIL BURGESS, VICE-CHANCELLOR

* The Talylyn Railway in Merionydd, north-west Wales

Church bells across nation set to ring in warning of climate catastrophe ahead of COP26

19/10/2021

Churches across the country are planning to ring their bells on the eve of COP26, the meeting of leaders to discuss climate change.



Pledger

Bells have traditionally been rung to mark significant moments, both in times of celebration, such as victory in war, and as a warning of impending danger, such as invasion.

A number of Church of England churches will be among those joining in the Ring Out for Climate initiative at 18:00 on Saturday 30th October. The United Nations Climate Change conference takes place in Glasgow between October 31 and November 12.

The idea was devised by Edward Gildea, the adventurer and environmentalist, who is a member of St Mary's church in Saffron Walden, Essex, as a vivid warning of the danger from the climate emergency.

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for the Environment, said: "Church bells have traditionally been rung through the centuries to raise the alarm for local communities.

"The recent 'code red' report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is an alarm call for us all.

"A nationwide 'ring out for climate' on the eve of the COP26 can be a warning symbol, but also one of hope.

"Hope that this conference will lead to action for us all, like Jesus, to tread more gently on our single island planet home and care more for those already adversely affected by climate change, especially in the economically poorest places on Earth."

Bell ringers across the country are supporting the initiative.

Simon Linford, President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, commented: “Bellringers understand how important the bells they ring are not only to the church but also to the local community.

“The sound of bells was missed during lockdown, and it is now being welcomed back as part of the nation’s soundscape.

“Many bellringers are planning to join in with ‘ring out for the climate’, lending their powerful voice in support of efforts to halt climate change.”

Mr Gildea said: “I was inspired by several things including Clap for Carers during the pandemic and, the historic uses of church bells.

“Ringing church bells as a warning for people in this country at times of national crisis is well known – with bells for the Spanish Armada right through to the Second World War.

“The climate crisis is not just a national problem but a global one.

“I thought ringing the bells for climate would be a way to wake people up, in every part of the country, to the urgency of the crisis we face ahead of COP.

“It can act as a warning in every parish that climate action is necessary, and we have an opportunity to make progress in Glasgow.”

Where churches participate a notification on social media or in newsletters can help make the local community aware of the significance of the bells.

Funding joy for St James’, SKILLINGTON

Funding payout from the National Churches Trust, thanks to the support of the government’s Heritage Stimulus Fund.

A £ 10,711 Grant will help fund work to St James’ and keep the church at the heart of the local community.

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust said: “I’m delighted that the National Churches Trust has been able to award St James’, SKILLINGTON a grant of £10,711 thanks to the support of the Heritage Stimulus Fund, which is part of the government’s Cultural Recovery Fund. It will also help remove St James’ from the Heritage at Risk Register.”

The grant will fund urgent repairs to the roof following lead theft, safeguarding unique local heritage and help St James’ continue to support local people as we begin to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

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Duncan Wilson, Historic England's Chief Executive, said:

“Funding from the government's Culture Recovery Fund is hugely welcome at a time when the people and organisations who look after our vast and varied array of heritage urgently need support to carry out essential repairs. Heritage is a fragile eco-system, with an amazing cast of characters who keep our historic places alive, with specialist skills that take time to learn and experience to perfect. These grants will protect their livelihoods, as they use their expertise to help our heritage survive.”

The church

The church dates from the 11th century, though stones forming a cornerstone have been dated to the Anglo-Saxon period.

St James' features memorial windows marking the death of a vicar, the Revd Charles Hudson, in 1865.

Hudson was a remarkable man. He was one of the best amateur mountain climbers of his day and in the fateful year he was a member of a party attempting to become the first to climb the Matterhorn. This was accomplished but on the way down some members of the team fell over a crevasse, the rope parted and four of the team including Hudson fell 4,000 feet to their deaths. The tragedy was reported in the Times newspaper. Both the congregation and fellow climbers then contributed stained-glass windows and also a fifth bell was added to the peel.

The project

The grant will fund urgent repairs to the roof following lead theft in order to prevent further rainwater ingress and to halt the rapid deterioration of the church fabric and internal materials of the Grade I listed building.

Tributes to Sir David Amess MP

15/10/2021

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of Chelmsford and Bradwell have paid tribute to Sir David Amess MP who has died after being stabbed at a constituency surgery in Essex.



Parliament UK

The **Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr Guli Francis Dehqani**, said: "This is devastating news. Sir David was a loyal servant to the people of Southend for many years.

"The tributes we have already seen are testament to the high esteem in which he was held by many of his constituents.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his staff."

The **Bishop of Bradwell, Dr John Perumbalath** said: "This is deeply shocking and sad news.

"Sir David was a great friend of the church and it was a privilege to work alongside him in service to the people of Southend whom he cared about deeply.

"My prayers are with Sir David's family and his staff."

The **Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell**, said: "I had the great honour of calling David Amess a friend when I was Bishop of Chelmsford.

"He was the MP for the constituency where I grew up, and not only did he always faithfully serve those people and that place, but had a particular concern for the Christian community born of his own deeply held Christian faith as a member of the Roman Catholic community.

"It is shocking that someone so dedicated to his community and public service was the victim of such violence as he went about his elected duty.

"It is hard to make sense of the horror of what has happened this afternoon but he and his family and those he loves are in my prayers."

The **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby**, said: "I am truly devastated to hear of the death of Sir David Amess today.

"The death of a father, husband and friend is agonisingly painful for those who loved him. The murder of an MP, in the course of caring for their constituents, is a deep blow to this country, its citizens and everyone who desires a peaceful and flourishing democracy.

"Sir David Amess dedicated his life to championing causes he believed in, serving constituents and his country for almost forty years as a Member of Parliament.

"He was a devout Roman Catholic whose deep faith fuelled his sense of justice. We are richer for his life and his example, and we are all the poorer for his untimely death. We hold his family and loved ones in our prayers, that they might feel the comfort and peace of the Christ who suffers with us.

"The only antidote to violence and hatred is love and unity. In this horrific and tragic moment we must come together, across political difference, and be the light that refuses to be cowed by darkness.

"May he rest in peace and rise in glory. May he dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

Archbishop of Canterbury visits Cairo

12/10/2021

The Archbishop of Canterbury has concluded a four-day visit to Cairo to celebrate the new Anglican Province of Alexandria.



Concluding a four-day visit to Cairo, the Archbishop of Canterbury has praised the faithful witness of the Anglican Church in Egypt and said we must work together to build “a fairer, more peaceful, more just and more compassionate world.”

The Archbishop made the visit from 7th – 11th October to participate in celebrations for the Province of Alexandria, which were postponed last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Archbishop Justin and Mrs Caroline Welby travelled to Egypt at the invitation of the recently-installed Primate of the Province of Alexandria, Archbishop Samy Shehata.

Archbishop Justin preached at All Saints’ Cathedral during a special thanksgiving service attended by Anglican Primates, clergy from the new Province, and ecumenical and Muslim leaders and representatives.

The Archbishop also met with Christian and Muslim leaders, and with Mrs Welby visited some of the many projects run by the Diocese of Egypt working with refugees, Egyptian families living in poverty and people living with disabilities, among others. They were accompanied by Archbishop Samy and his wife, Madlaine, throughout the trip, as well as by Archbishop Emeritus Mounier at many engagements.



During the visit, the Archbishop frequently returned to some key themes: firstly, an encouragement for Christians to remain focussed on Jesus Christ and seek Him above all else – which he said “strengthens

both our shared journey as Christians towards greater unity and service of others, and our personal journeys in pursuit of holiness.”

Secondly, the vital role of the Anglican Church in Egypt and across the new Province in meeting the needs of communities, especially those who are vulnerable, excluded or living in poverty.

And thirdly, the need for Christians and Muslims to “continue striving for peace, dialogue and partnership, especially at a time of multiple crises around the world and with conflict between faith groups a destructive dynamic in many places.”

In his sermon on Friday, the Archbishop said Egypt had again “found its historic place as a place of meeting, of refuge. It has been so from before Jacob and Joseph, it rescued the Holy family.”

“Luke’s stories in Gospel and Acts are of refugees, the poor, those of no honour. Seen in hospitals, schools, prisons, rubbish dumps and food centres. Seen here in the past and now.”

He encouraged the new Province to be guided by God’s word and Spirit. “Anglican Provinces are autonomous. They run themselves - there is no global authority - but they are interdependent. We are linked by love, not by law,” he said.

He referred to the history of conflict between Christians and other faiths, and made a renewed call for peace between religions. “Christians are to be part of a Church that is told to conquer with love and peace, never, never with a sword, a bomb or a plot,” he said. “Either Christians demonstrate the truth of God or they demonstrate nothing by the quality of their lives.

Turning to address Muslim guests in the congregation, he added: “And I say to our dear friends from the Islamic community: how often Christians have got this wrong. Our history is one of the tragic sin of force. Let us be people of peace together.”

Before the service, the Archbishop spent time meeting and praying with Anglican Primates who had travelled to Cairo for the celebrations: the Most Revd Azad Marshall, Moderator of the Church of Pakistan; the Most Revd Hosam Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem; and the Most Revd Ezekiel Kondo, Archbishop of Sudan.

During the visit the Archbishop met with leaders of the Coptic, Coptic Catholic and Greek Orthodox Churches in Egypt: His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, His Beatitude Ibrahim Isaac Sidrak and His Beatitude Theodoros II. He also met with Archbishop Foley Beach, the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of North America.

In these meetings Archbishop Justin spoke of the deep roots of Egyptian Christianity and praised the commitment among Egyptian churches to dialogue, partnership and walking together as disciples of Jesus Christ. He thanked them for being brothers and sisters to the Anglican churches in Egypt and across Africa, and for the bonds of friendship and shared ministry that characterise these relationships.

The Archbishop met with several Muslim leaders, including the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Dr. Ahmed El-Tayyeb. During the meeting they renewed their commitment to working together for peace, dialogue and partnership between Christians and Muslims. He also met with the Grand Mufti of Egypt and spoke of the role of faith leaders in tackling extremism and modelling leadership focussed on peace, understanding and the common good.



On Thursday, the Archbishop began his visit by praying at St Macarius Monastery in Wadi Natrun. He had a time of spiritual conversation with the Coptics monks at the monastery, which was founded in 360AD.

He also visited Harpur Memorial Hospital in Sadat City, one of many healthcare facilities run by the Diocese of Egypt. He opened a premature baby unit, which was a gift from the British Charitable Fund of the British Embassy in Egypt, and talked with hospital staff and prayed for them. The Archbishop said the new unit and the hospital were “a symbol and sign of God’s love and care for every one of his children”, as well as an example of the vital role that Anglicans play in healthcare in many countries.

On Saturday, the Archbishop and Mrs Welby visited Refuge Egypt, a programme based at All Saints’ Cathedral that offers humanitarian assistance, healthcare, education and training to refugees to support them in integrating into Egyptian society. The day before, Mr Welby visited St Michael and All Angels’ Church in the Heliopolis neighbourhood of Cairo, which has welcomed many refugees from Sudan while also providing food packages and other assistance for Egyptian families living in poverty.

The Archbishop said: “Refugees are precious children of God – and the Anglican Church in Egypt is an example to us all in the care it provides to those who have fled their homes. This is the land where Christ himself was welcomed as a refugee child with his parents, and today it remains a place where the light of God shines in the darkness of the world, welcoming those who have fled everything they know to find safety.”

He also visited the Alexandria School of Theology and heard about its efforts to provide theological education for clergy and lay people from across the Diocese of Egypt and around the Communion.



Concluding the trip on Sunday, the Archbishop spent the afternoon and evening at Jesus Light of the World Anglican Church in Old Cairo. There he spent time at the Deaf Unit run by the Diocese of Egypt, which provides extensive services for deaf and hard of hearing children, youth and families. He visited the Planting a Tree of Hope project, which runs activities for young Christians and Muslims to help foster friendships and understanding, and raise a generation of young leaders committed to building bridges between faiths.

The Archbishop joined the congregation for an evening Eucharist service, including children, young people and families from the Deaf Unit. In his sermon, which was translated into Arabic and sign language, he spoke about the God who never abandons us in our suffering, and whose love can guide us from dark times into the light.

Reflecting on the visit, Archbishop Justin said:

“These precious days in Cairo have been filled with a deep sense of the Holy Spirit working through the churches and Christians of Egypt – and blessing the world that God so loves. From beautiful worship in Arabic, English and sign-language, to inspirational church-run projects with refugees and those living with disabilities, it’s been an immersion in a Church alive with the love of Jesus Christ.

“The ancient witness of Egyptian Christianity has been a great blessing to the global Church over many, many centuries. It’s one of the wellsprings of our faith: living water from which we are invited to drink. I rejoice that the new Anglican Province of Alexandria has been called and commissioned to live out the example of the saints – and to share the Gospel across Egypt, the Horn of Africa, Gambella and North Africa. I want to invite all Anglicans to pray for this new Province and the people it will serve.

“Of course, these are difficult and painful times in our world. We are living through not just one but many crises: from the pandemic, to climate change, to burning injustices and deep-rooted conflict. And in almost every conversation I have had during this trip – with Christians and Muslims, refugees and

doctors, clergy and congregations – it's been clear that these crises affect all of us, but especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable.

“As we emerge from the pandemic, we are finding ourselves at a crossroads: we can choose to retreat into fear, isolation and conflict with those who are different from us, or who seem to threaten our interests. Or we can choose, together, to build a fairer, more peaceful, more just and more compassionate world – one that looks more like the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus points us towards. That will require a renewed commitment to friendship and partnership between faiths, and an ever-deeper sense of unity among Christians. I have seen remarkable signs of both on this trip and I thank God for that.

“This visit has been an urgent reminder that God has come to be with us in this world – the one wounded by conflict, pandemic, climate change, violence and hatred – and he calls us to be bearers of the light of Christ's peace, justice, hope and redeeming love. That is the light that no darkness can overcome.

“Finally, as always when travelling through the Anglican Communion, I've been powerfully reminded that God has called us together as a family – one that speaks many languages and is rooted in many different cultures: but a family that is deeply connected by bonds of friendship, service, prayer, worship and love for Jesus Christ. I give thanks and praise to God for the miracle of our Communion, and I pray that we journey forward together with our gaze fixed on the one who calls us.”

The new Province of Alexandria, which was inaugurated in June 2020, will serve 10 countries across the Dioceses of Egypt, the Horn of Africa – where the number of Anglican churches has grown by several hundred over recent years – Gambella and North Africa.

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.

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Thousands of churches offered remote worship during lockdown, new report finds

Thousands of churches adapted 'at a moment's notice' to providing worship at home from the start of the first lockdown, according to a new report just published.



More than 9,000 churches (78%) offered 'Church at Home' online, via email, post and telephone during the March to July 2020 lockdown when collective worship was suspended because of the coronavirus restrictions.

More than 8,000, or 69%, offered livestreamed or pre-recorded services, while more than 5,000, or 44%, offered services downloadable from a website or emailed. More than 4,000, or 33%, offered printed and posted services and more than 2,000, or 21%, provided telephone or dial-in services. The majority were continuing to offer these services in October last year even though most were also open for in-person collective worship.

The findings, from data gathered from 12,700 Church of England churches, show that rural churches were as successful as urban churches in providing remote worship once the size of parishes' pre-pandemic congregations was taken into account. The rise in 'Church at Home' services and remote worship came as the Church of England stepped up its programme of training in digital communication for congregations and clergy over 2020 to help churches provide remote worship during the pandemic.

A total of 7,000 people were trained in digital communications, live streaming and running online communities, seven times the figure for the previous year. Hymns were downloaded more than a million times as part of resource provided by St Martin-in-the-Fields church, working with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and the Church of England. The facility was launched during the lockdown through the A Church Near You Resource Hub website.

Writing in the report, Dr Ken Eames, from the Church of England's Research and Statistics Unit, said: "It would have been fascinating to have asked people early in 2020 whether they thought the Church of England would be able to switch at a moment's notice to worshipping online and in other innovative ways; my guess is that the Church of England massively exceeded expectations."

Welcoming the findings, the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: "I thank God for the work of the churches over the pandemic including the huge effort that was made to provide worship at home. This has been a source of comfort and strength to so many people during a very difficult and challenging time. It has also meant that many have been able to discover the Christian faith and hear the good news of Jesus Christ for the first time. Online services and videos have become part of a toolkit for how churches can offer worship. It is inspiring to see the life of our parishes sustained and revitalised in this way."

Those providing worship at home include the benefice of Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt in Wiltshire, which attracted thousands of viewers to YouTube explanatory 'Faith in the Village' videos on Christianity during the lockdown. Online services broadcast by the group had an 'attendance' of up to 400 viewers compared to a maximum congregation size in person of around 120 before the pandemic. Rector Revd Canon Andrew Evans said: "We had never thought of broadcasting online before the pandemic. We have been thrilled by the results."



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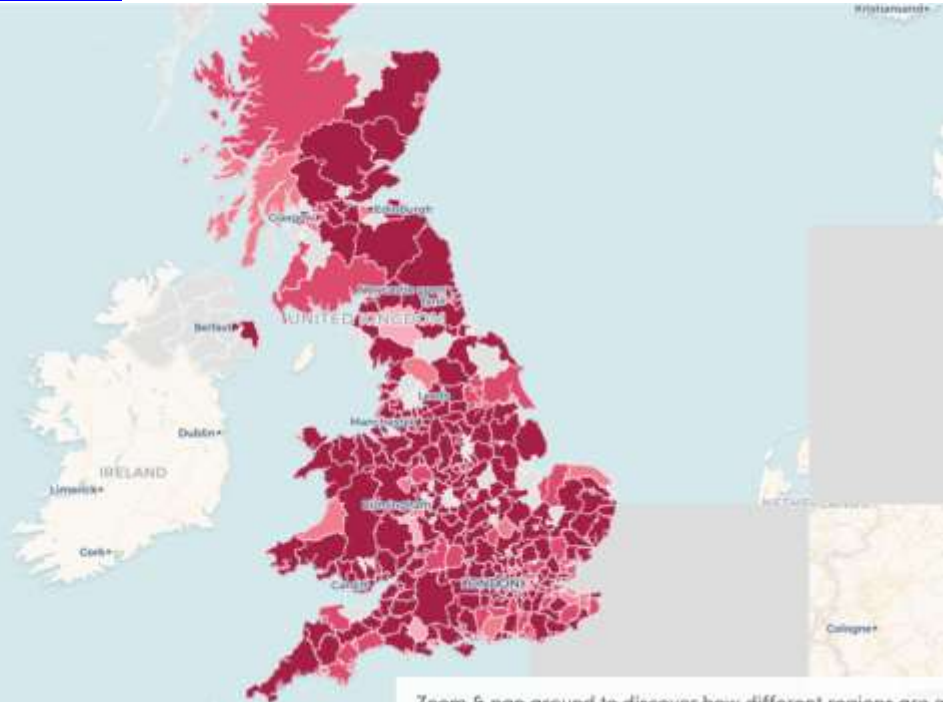
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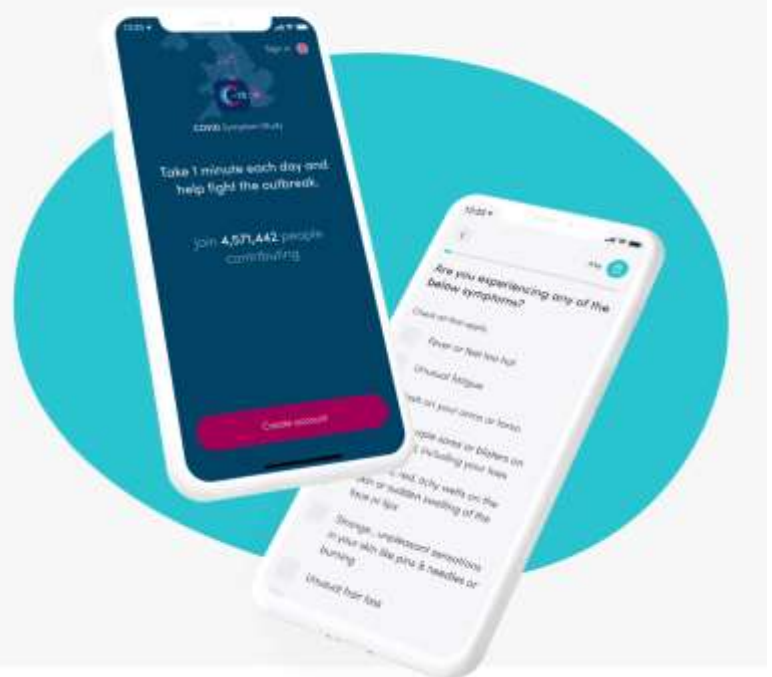


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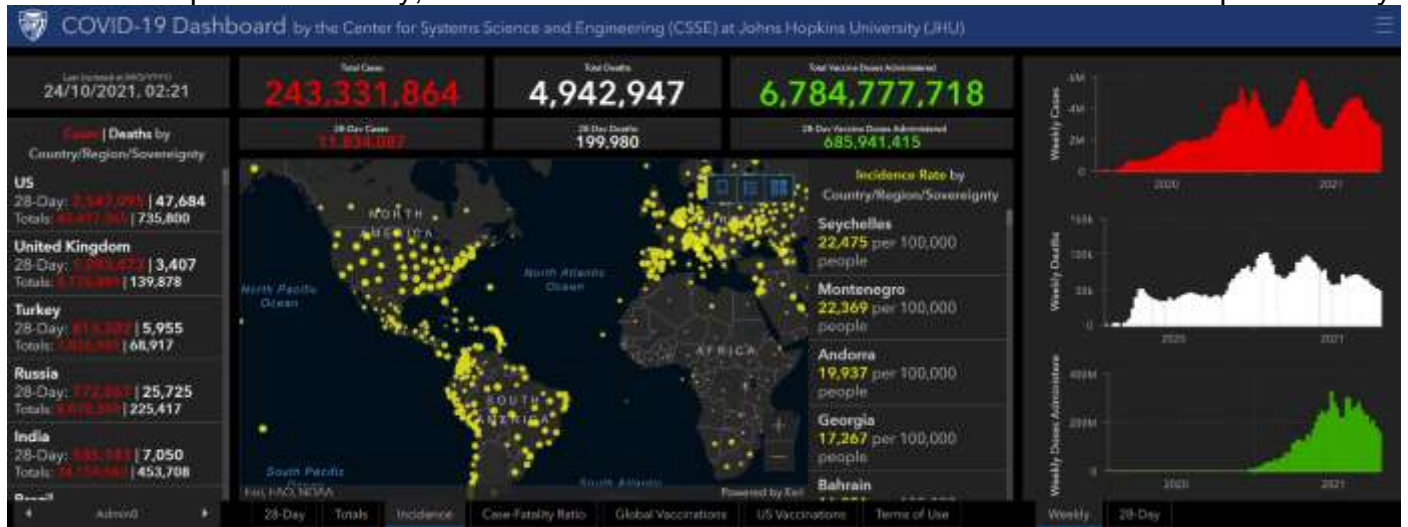
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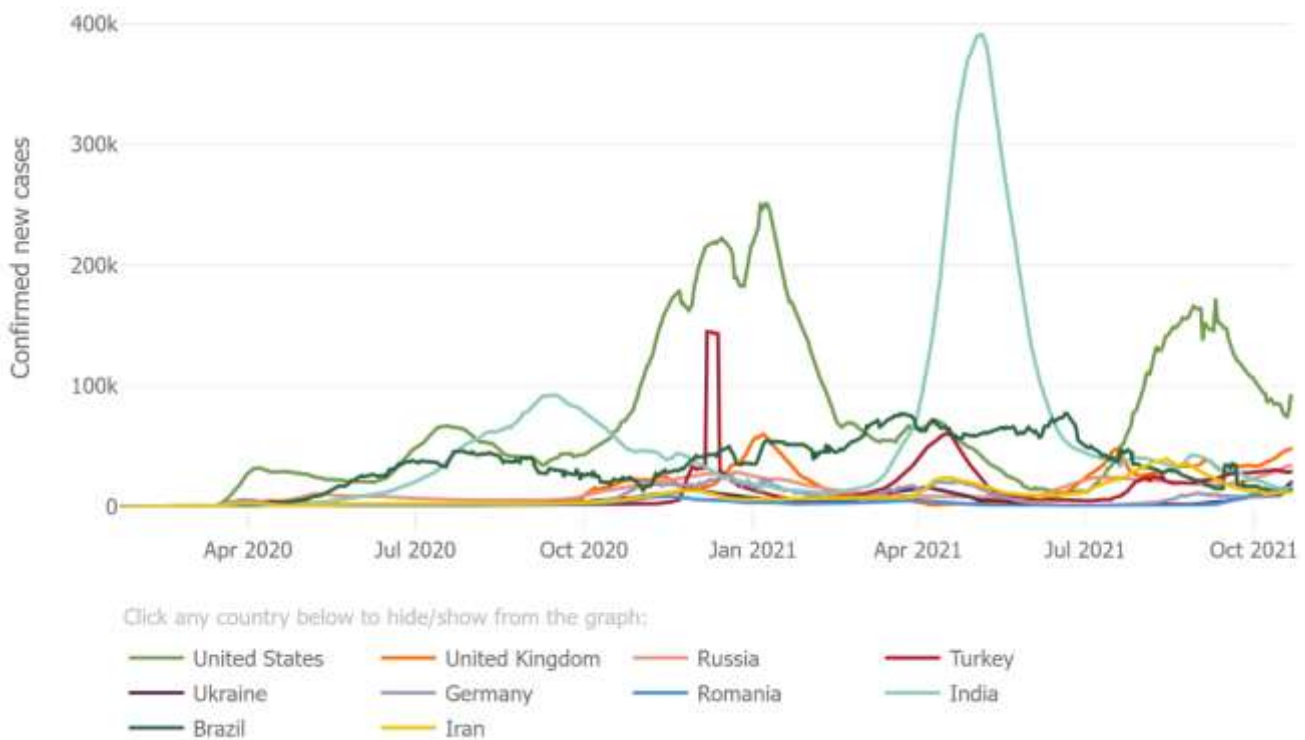
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The John Hopkins University, USA collates international Covid data on their website updated daily.



DAILY CONFIRMED NEW CASES (7-DAY MOVING AVERAGE)

Outbreak evolution for the current most affected countries



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

Services are available in-person and some are available online, via Zoom. To obtain the login details for our online service, please email admin@parishofboston.co.uk or call (01205) 310929. You are most welcome to join us. Please note that COVID-19 safety measures are in operation.

Weekly News is published in Pilgrim Progress at <https://parish-of-boston.org.uk/news/>

Sunday services

First Sunday of the Month

8am – Said BCP Eucharist

11am – Sung Eucharist (also available online)

5pm – Choral Evensong (also available online)

All other Sunday's in the month

11.00am – Sung Eucharist (also available online)

Wednesday mid-week service

10.30am – Said Eucharist (also available online)



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