

## Guidance for Funeral Directors

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From the Diocesan Secretary

Dear Friends,

You will be aware that the Church of England has suspended all public worship with immediate effect. Churches will remain open wherever possible for people to pray while observing government guidelines including distancing and vulnerable groups.

Funerals can go ahead provided there are as few people as possible present and they observe physical distancing of two metres. Please contact your local priest for specific arrangements. We suggest that memorial services could be held with greater numbers at later dates when it is safe to do so.

Please also be aware of the risk of service booklets being used as a source of transmission. We request you make plans to reduce the number of times booklets are handled.

We thank you all for your patience and understanding in these very difficult times.

As guidance is being updated continually please use the links below to the National and Diocesan websites to keep updated:

Church of England: [www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus](http://www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus)

Diocese of Derby: [www.derby.anglican.org/coronavirus](http://www.derby.anglican.org/coronavirus)

Warm regards

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