

Changes to COVID-19 restriction from Monday 28 September

The CofE digital team have updated the Recovery Group papers and FAQs section of the national website in response to the changes that come into effect from today, 28 September, and including an FAQ regards Remembrance Sunday.

Please note the CofE Birmingham specific guidance for Halls and Buildings, previously issued by the Archdeacons is superseded by the updated national paper.

The full list of updates are as follows:

New FAQs:

- **Can we still hold a Remembrance Sunday service? in the Prayer and worship section**
- Can confirmations still go ahead? in the Life events section

Updated FAQs:

- Can funerals still go ahead? in the Life events section
- Can weddings still go ahead? in the Life events section
- Can baptisms still go ahead? in the Life events section
- Can ordinations still go ahead? in the Life events section

Updated Documents:

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Opening cathedral and church buildings to the public advice**
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice on Ordinations and Consecrations
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice on the Conduct of Public Worship
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice on Conducting Funerals
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice for the conduct of a Confirmation service
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice on Conducting Weddings
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice on Conducting Baptisms

As with all previous guidance, steps would be taken with consideration for your parish and community setting, protecting the NHS and to fit the pace and needs of your church. All actions steps should continue to be planned to adhere to Government social distancing policy, and any additional Local Enhanced Area status.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with your Area Dean or the Archdeacons, if you have specific questions or concerns.