

From your Diocesan Support Teams

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Parish Buying

Did you know you can register with Parish Buying and get hygiene and cleaning products as well as PPE for your churches? [PDF here](#), or see their latest newsletter [here](#), with information on net zero preparations, green electricity, online giving webinars and how to personalise your online giving account.

ABC Networking can help churches with technology issues

ABC Networking, which provides IT support to our Diocesan Support Teams, is able to help you too.

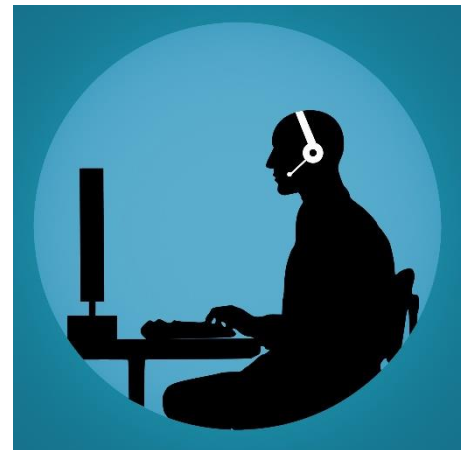
The ABC team tells us that places of worship have seen a dramatic uptake in their virtual congregation space, and that being able to reach out and broadcast to the local community has opened a whole new audience of attendance within the global community.

Trying to set up a broadcasting service may seem a daunting prospect and far too complicated. However, with the right equipment and some basic training, anyone can live stream to services such as YouTube, Facebook or Twitch.

Many people will be concerned about the risks of collective singing and prayer and broadcast services can help, either with pre-recorded hymns that people can join in with singing from the safety of their own homes or socially spaced congregations broadcast for the many to accompany remotely.

Places of worship will need to embrace new technology and broadcast streamed content, and it can be much easier to do this than you think!

If you would further information, please contact Technical Director Duncan McDonald via 01722 411999 or duncan@abcnetworking.com.





Practical ideas for leading a Zoom PCC Meeting

CPAS has prepared guidance on helping parishes conduct virtual PCC meetings in the form of 2 free guides offering practical insights on how to best use Zoom (of course, other platforms are available!) for PCC meetings.

'Getting Ready for a Zoom PCC Meeting' is for all your PCC members to help them set themselves up well for the meeting, and understand how to engage well during the meeting.

'How to Lead a Zoom PCC Meeting' is for the chair or deputy chair of the meeting, and offers insights into how to use five core tools available in Zoom, as well as some of the nuances that affect how a Zoom meeting works.

[Visit the CPAS website](#) to find out more.

The Diocesan IT Investment Programme

We learn more in the first 5 years than at any other time in our lives.

The last 11 weeks have been another learning peak as we grapple and adjust to the impact of coronavirus in our personal lives and society as a whole – not to mention navigating the bewildering array of apps to help us stay connected!

These unprecedented times have really underlined the value and importance of having a secure and flexible IT system that allows us to respond and adapt working practices whilst continuing to serve our churches and schools.

Elizabeth Harvey, our Director of Parish Support, Governance and Administration explains how we have embarked on an ambitious diocesan-wide IT programme with the implementation or upgrade of 7 IT initiatives - all to help us serve you better.

Read more [here](#).



Is your parish using Microsoft 365? If so, we would really appreciate your help.

The Parish Support Team is looking at the potential to develop aspects of our own technology to offer to parishes in the future, and would like to get in contact with clergy

and parishes that are using or thinking of using Microsoft 365.

Microsoft 365 is a fully cloud-based solution which will enable the diocese, parishes and clergy to operate in a virtual environment, giving access to information and files “anywhere, anytime and from any device.”

This technology offers parishes the opportunity to extend limited resources; to make use of cloud storage and sharing; to enable people to work together more efficiently and securely; and to meet GDPR requirements through restriction and retention policies.

As the team further develops its use of Microsoft 365 and SharePoint, we are looking to work with interested parishes and clergy to explore opportunities using Microsoft 365 to enhance collaboration, training and sharing best practice, with a view to extending the diocesan environment to offer technology solutions at little or no cost to our clergy and parishes.

Please email lucy.norbury@salisbury.anglican.org if you would like to be involved, or you can let us know via the Parish Support website email address parishsupport@salisbury.anglican.org.