

Live streaming or filming church services as we reopen

If the celebrant is alone, with no congregation, there are no data or safeguarding problems generally, apart from managing the technology....

If some congregation are attending as well, and the service is to be live streamed or recorded for others to participate in or watch later, there are a number of **safeguarding** and **data protection** issues to be taken into consideration. It will be hard to control who sees images streamed or recorded for broadcast and children and vulnerable adults must be protected. Data must be protected and this includes images of attending members of the congregation. Get PCC resolution to confirm agreement to policy conditions of live streaming/ recording. Benefice could have standard conditions and each PCC adopts policy.

Safeguarding

- All families with children or young people attending should be asked to sit in an area which is not visible in the recording/ streaming. Use one aisle out of shot or otherwise angle the camera to ensure an area is not visible to viewers. There may be members of the congregation who prefer to attend in privacy. They may not wish their whereabouts to become known to an abuser for instance.
- Do not allow children or young people to be visible, or anyone coming forward to receive communion.
- Relaying or recording sound only is unlikely to cause an issue as individuals will not normally be identifiable.

Data Protection

- If filming or recording is usually done in your church, it should be covered by your existing GDPR consent forms or the legitimate interest base for processing personal data. Otherwise specific consent is needed to film the congregation attending the service (either live-streaming or recorded) as opposed to the celebrant and readers etc delivering the service.
- Before attending a service which is to be streamed or recorded, a notice should be clearly visible at the entrance to the church, informing the congregation that the service is to be live-streamed or film recorded, and advising them of seating areas which will NOT be filmed, if they do not wish to be identifiable during the service. So long as this advance warning is given (put it on the website/ social media too) and the notice includes a statement that they will be presumed to have given consent if they attend the service after seeing the notice, written consent is not needed.
- Announce that the service is being live-streamed/ filmed before the start of the service.

Faculty issues

Any installation of *permanent* CCTV facilities requires a faculty, but *temporary installation* including attaching to the fabric of the building can be covered by an archdeacon's temporary reordering licence for a period of up to 24 months, using Form 9. (See Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 Rule 8.2.)

Any queries:-Talk to your archdeacon or the **Registry** by email to registry@salisbury.anglican.org

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