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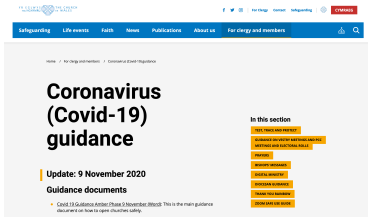
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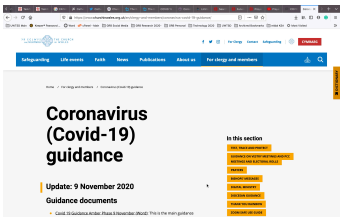
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A Commission created by the Pope

Prepare the Future

On 20 March 2020, Pope Francis asked the *Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development* (DPIHD) to create a *Commission*, in collaboration with other Dicasteries of the Roman Curia and other organizations, to express the Church's solicitude and care for the whole human family facing the COVID-19 pandemic, including analysis, reflection on the new socio-economic-cultural future, and the proposal of relevant approaches.

Accordingly, DPIHD has established a Vatican COVID-19 Commission to take up the Pope's concern through the activities of five Working Groups, which are: acting now for the future; looking to the future with creativity; communicating hope; seeking common dialogue and reflections; supporting to care.

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"Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope"

Francis, Extraordinary Moment of prayer, 27 March 2020

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A commitment for a new model of development

The Pope expressed his concern for the present time, for the world crisis generated by COVID-19 and for the dramatic scenarios on the horizon. He told us not to waste time, to get down to work immediately, because we are the Dicastery that is his point of reference. We must act now. And we must immediately think about what will happen next.

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ACTING NOW FOR THE FUTURE

No one reaches salvation by themselves

This group is coordinated by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, in cooperation with Caritas Internationalis, and is dedicated to serving local Churches by listening to them and supporting them on protagonists of their situations.

The group is also tasked with collaborating fruitfully with charitable initiatives promoted by other Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, such as the *Office of Papal Charities*, the *Pontifical Mission Societies* and the *Vatican Pharmacy*.

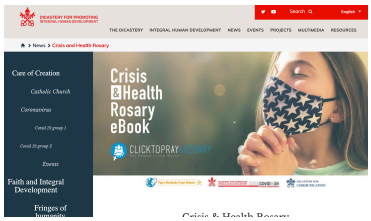
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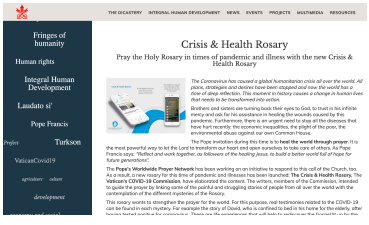
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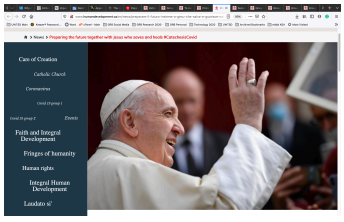
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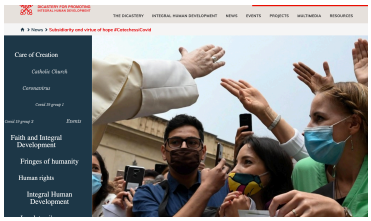
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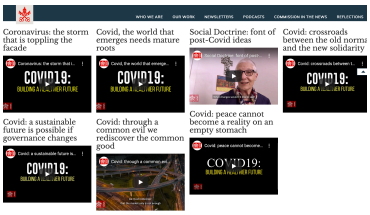
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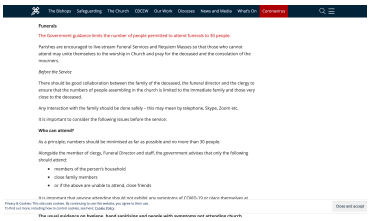
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Funerals

The Government guidance limits the number of people permitted to attend funerals to 30 people.

Parishes are encouraged to live-stream Funeral Services and Requiem Masses so that those who cannot attend may unite themselves to the worship in Church and pray for the deceased and the consolation of the mourners.

Before the Service

There should be good collaboration between the family of the deceased, the funeral director and the clergy to ensure that the numbers of people assembling in the church is limited to the immediate family and those very close to the deceased.

Any interaction with the family should be done safely – this may mean by telephone, Skype, Zoom etc.

It is important to consider the following issues before the service:

Who can attend?

As a principle, numbers should be minimised as far as possible and no more than 30 people.

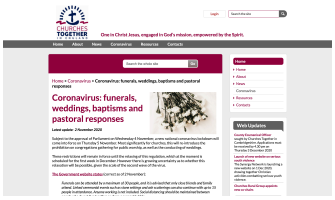
Alongside the member of clergy, Funeral Director and staff, the government advises that only the following should attend:

- members of the person's household
- close family members
- or if the above are unable to attend, close friends

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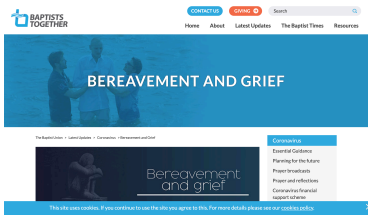
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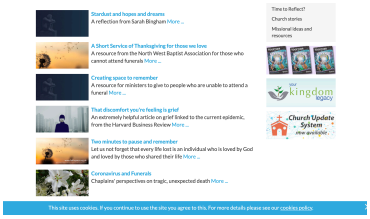


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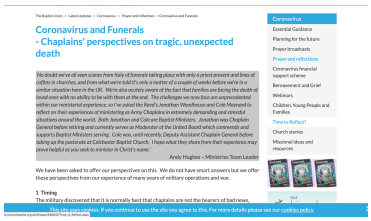
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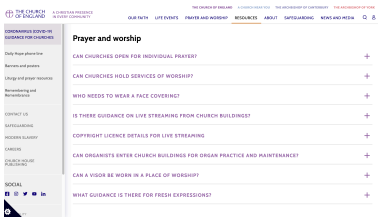
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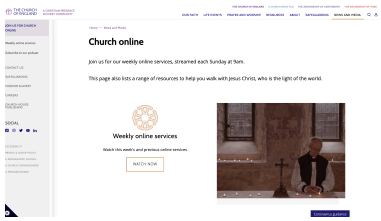
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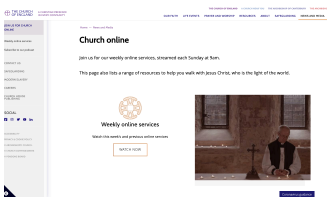
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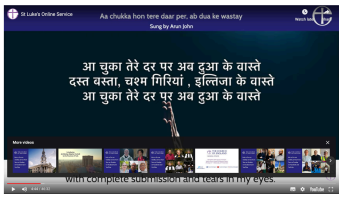
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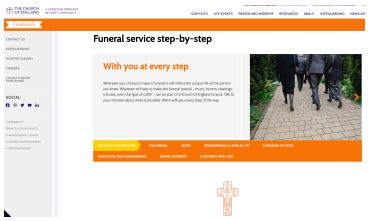
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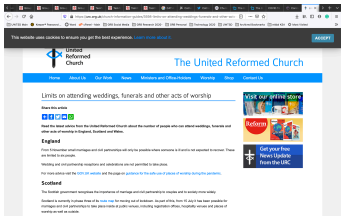
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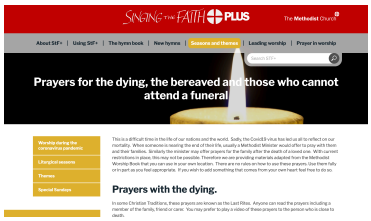
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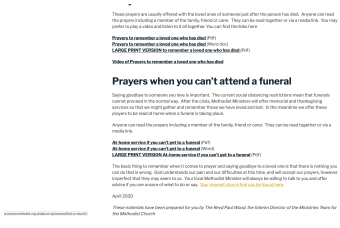
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These prayers are usually offered with the loved ones of someone just after the person has died. Anyone can read the prayers including a member of the family, friend or carer. They can be read together or via a media link. You may prefer to play a video and listen to it all together. You can find the links here

Prayers to remember a loved one who has died (Pdf)
Prayers to remember a loved one who has died (Word doc)
LARGE PRINT VERSION to remember a loved one who has died (Pdf)

Video of Prayers to remember a loved one who has died

Prayers when you can't attend a funeral

Saying goodbye to someone you love is important. The current social distancing restrictions mean that funerals cannot proceed in the normal way. After the crisis, Methodist Ministers will offer memorial and thanksgiving services so that we might gather and remember those we have loved and lost. In the meantime we offer these prayers to be read at home when a funeral is taking place.

Anyone can read the prayers including a member of the family, friend or carer. They can be read together or via a media link.

At-home service if you can't get to a funeral (Pdf)
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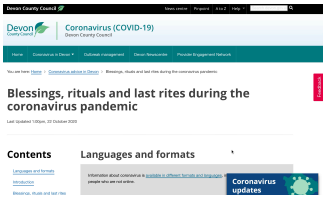
The basic thing to remember when it comes to prayer and saying goodbye to a loved one is that there is nothing you can do that is wrong. God understands our pain and our difficulties at this time, and will accept our prayers, however imperfect that they may seem to us. Your local Methodist Minister will always be willing to talk to you and offer advice if you are unsure of what to do or say. Your nearest church link can be found here.

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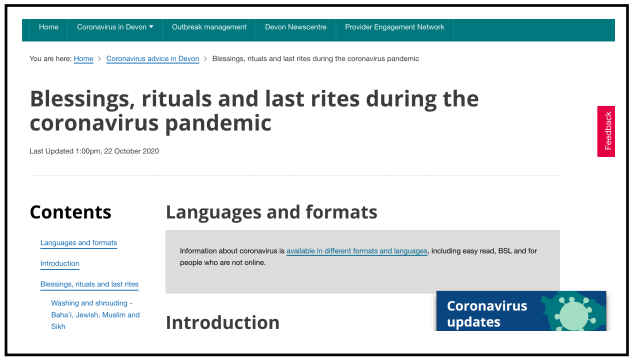
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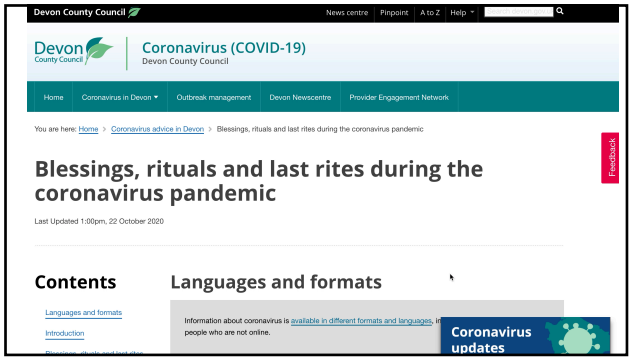
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