

GUIDE FOR LIVE-STREAMING OR RECORDING IN METHODIST PROPERTY

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Introduction

As churches reopen, some may decide to continue providing services through other means. This guidance is therefore to help Ministers, or others, who wish to use their church premises to undertake acts of worship either via 'live streaming' or recording for viewing on the internet or through other forms of media during this time.

What does this allow?

Under this guidance it is suggested that the following can happen:

- A minister or other worship leader may access the church building for prayer and other acts of worship.
- This is to allow for recording or streaming via the internet or for distribution via other media.
- The individual should use a fixed camera/tripod or can be assisted by one other person in accordance with criteria for meeting 'one other household' indoors.
- It is also now possible for a group of professional singers to broadcast or record, but in strict accordance with the Government guidance.¹
- This guidance should be read in conjunction with other current government guidance such as travel restrictions and social distancing.
- It should be noted that some guidance is only relevant to England, and that you should also follow the local guidance from the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales if relevant, as this could be different.

It is acknowledged that over this time many have found creative ways and locations to deliver spiritual support and continue to worship. This guidance is not intended to replace this, but to provide another alternative if individuals wished to consider this option and are comfortable with this form of communication.

Practical Considerations if using a Church Property for Live Streaming or Recording

Please refer to the overarching [Guide to How to Re-open and Manage your Church Building](#)

Procedures for Using the Church Building (if only user)

- If you are alone, ensure you are working in accordance with your church's lone working policy.
- Ensure you are using the building in accordance with church security & fire risk procedures.
- Any books, pens etc. to be used should be brought from home and taken back again afterwards.
- Ensure hand sanitiser is available at the entrance door for use on entry and exit of the building.
- Ensure that other hand washing facilities are stocked with soap, paper towels etc.
- Ensure that there are cleaning products easily available so that cleaning of surfaces which may be touched can easily be cleaned after using the room e.g. door handles, light switches etc.

¹ See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/performing-arts>