

Dear All

It has been pointed out that our language regarding worshipping outdoors was not clear and has led to confusion as to what is and is not possible this Easter. Apologies for this.

When we wrote regarding the difference with Christmas we should have been more clear that this was regarding the dispensation to sing carol outdoors. Whilst **worshipping outdoors is possible**, it is to be under the same conditions as worship indoors. That is to say that congregational singing is not permitted, masks/face coverings should still be worn and people should maintain a suitable distance between each other.

These services should take place **on church property**, and not in local common land such as parks or beaches etc. This means that services on top of hills, parades through the village or sunrise services on the beach are, very sadly, not possible this year.

A sunrise service or Easter vigil in the church carpark is, however, possible.

Whilst we have your attention, please also note that our weekly service *will be a livestream broadcast* from Preston Minster this week. We hope to 'mirror' the link on our diocesan YouTube channel (link in the earlier briefing) but otherwise [please click on this link](#) at 11am on Sunday March 21, to take you directly to the Preston Minster livestream.

I hope this has clarified the language regarding worshipping outdoors and we apologise for any confusion. We turned 1 as a group this week having met for the first time on 17 March 2020. None of us expected to still be writing these now and the response today has shown not just your appreciation but how so many of our local clergy and lay leaders are on top of the legislation in a way that allows them to be creative with their responses to the challenges this pandemic has thrown up.

THANK YOU!

The Coronavirus Task Group