

Using technology to support funeral ministry : The Funeral

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Clothe yourselves with
compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and
patience. Col 3:12

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The bereaved
Funeral Directors

Crematoria & Cemetery staff



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The Visit at a distance

- Telephone
- Facetime
- WhatsApp
- Skype
- Zoom

How can we help?

- Crem/Graveside
- Printed
- Post/e mail
- Internet

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Why hold a funeral using Zoom?

- Family and friends can gather together wherever they live
- Unable to be present for many reasons

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Why hold a funeral using Zoom?

- No limits on numbers
- No travel for except for the crem
- Leave the meeting open for conversation after the service

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A funeral using Zoom

- Full C of E service until the committal
- Readers, tributes.....
- Bible reading, address and prayers
- Videos of music, photos

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A funeral using Zoom

- Funeral directors send photos of the coffin, the name plate and flowers
- Zoom vergger

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Am I techie?

- Not really

4 things

- Powerpoint and sound track videos
- Set up Zoom meetings and invite
- Talk others through the steps to join
- Share my screen



"Hope is not just for the person who has died, it's for the people who remain behind. It gives us something to hold on to. We are surrounded by creation with signs of things that die and come back to life, and that's a wonderful metaphor of hope."

The Rev Juliet Stephenson

Hope

The message at all Church of England funerals, wherever they happen, is one of hope. Although there is sadness because someone you know and love has died, in every Church of England funeral there will also be a message of hope in life after death.

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