LIFE EVENTS DIARY

The Life Events Diary is free online software which can radically streamline administration for baptisms, weddings, banns and funerals. The Life Events Diary helps churches build and develop lasting relationships with contacts through life event services



WELCOME TO Using technology to support funeral ministry

Sandra Millar, Jane Nattrass, Jeremy Brooks and Tom Pearson **The webinar will start at 11:00**

> While you wait, take time to book your place on a Life Events Diary webinar at: lifeeventsdiary.org/webinars

> > Upcoming webinars: 26th May 2020 3rd June 2020 17th June 2020 All run from 14:30 to 15:00

Funerals and technology : Welcome to this webinar 11.00 – 12.00am Friday 22nd May 2020

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What we will cover:

- Before the funeral
- The funeral
- Afterwards
- Practicalities
- Questions





People:

- □ In 2018 the CofE conducted 127,550 funerals
- □ Total deaths in 2018: 514,000

Average: 1400 per day

 April 2020: highest ever number of deaths 80% are aged 65 and over





Impact:

• **Close contacts**: People we talk and plan with

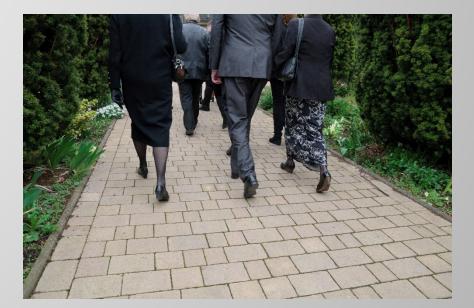
Time, listening, sharing, shaping, caring

■ Wide contacts: people who attend funerals

experience, awareness, memory







Purpose: what is a funeral for?

- To dispose of the body
- To say goodbye
- To mark the grieving process *"you let go"*
- To celebrate/give thanks for a life
- To comfort the bereaved
- To give hope for the future
- Thinking [a bit] about life after death







Purpose: a Christian funeral?

- To commend the person to the loving mercy of God
- To reflect on the Gospel
- To remember our own mortality
- How can we find different ways to do these things?
- Where does technology help?







Before the funeral:

- Relationship contact
- □ Care old and new
- Communication websites and more
- With families
- With funeral directors







The funeral:

Using social media/technology

- Recording
- Live-streaming
- Virtual gatherings
- Online resources







The funeral:

Taking part at home: reflection Light-a-candle

Making memories Planning next steps







After the funeral:

Being relational – build contact

Being intentional – special dates

Being invitational – keep in touch







Everyone's ministry :

Enable other Enhance skills online Discover new tools Planning next steps







Tell people:

- Families
- Funeral directors
- Wider public/local community local media







Questions

