

# Welcome

## A Season to Remember 2020: All Souls' Remembrance and Christmas

an Evangelism and Discipleship **live** webinar

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## 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

## FREE software for your church



Find out more, book your place on a

Life Events Diary webinar at:

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### **Upcoming webinars:**

*(all run 14:30 – 15:30)*

8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

28<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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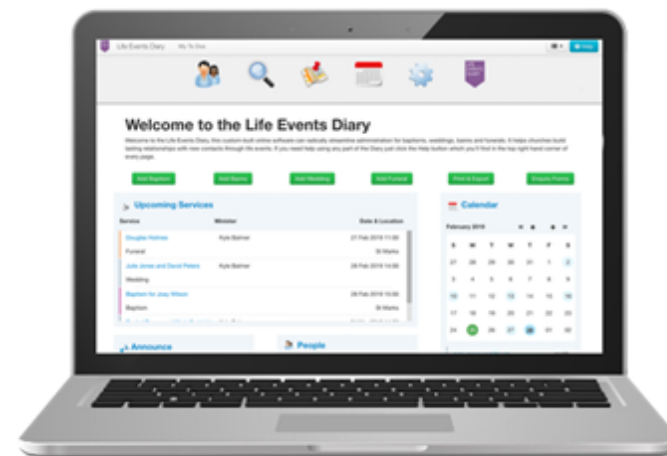
17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020



# Radically streamline your administration

- Record legal and personal data of families safely and securely
- Reduce duplication of data-collection and data-entry
- Print out key information about a service in relevant formats
- Customise, record, and track service fees
- Never forget a significant date for pastoral care, or an opportunity for follow-up after a service, with email reminders
- Share data, tasks and messages with others in the church to help you direct, delegate and coordinate from wherever you are



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# **Framing memories**

# **All Souls, Remembrance, Christmas**

with Canon Sandra Millar Head of Welcome and Life Events



# Core intentions:

- ▣ Reassurance
- ▣ Confidence
- ▣ Affirmation
- ▣ Art of the possible
- ▣ Becoming “memory makers”



# What we will cover:

- ▣ Where we are now
- ▣ Language and frameworks
- ▣ What we can do – All souls, Remembrance
- ▣ Communication
- ▣ Resources
- ▣ Questions:

*please enter any time during the webinar*



# Everyone's ministry

- ▣ Our vocation
- ▣ Our experience
- ▣ Our training
- ▣ Our heritage
- ▣ Our Gospel

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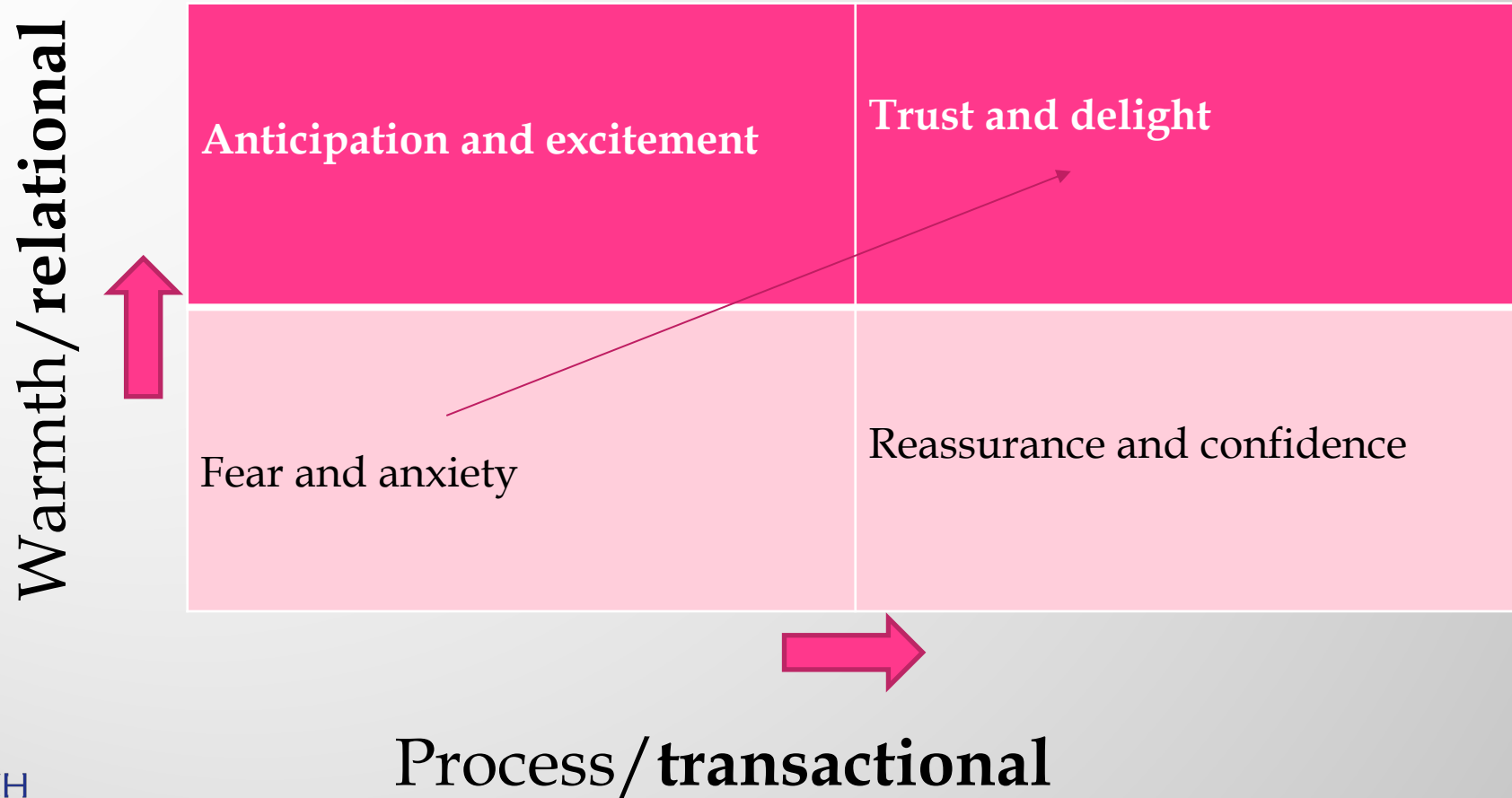


# We're still here...

- ▣ Context
- ▣ Welcome
- ▣ Delight
- ▣ Safety
- ▣ Communication
- ▣ Expectations
- ▣ Different is not worse



# Just respond : warmth vs process





# People: the bereaved now?

Those who have lost someone to COVID-19

Those who have had restricted funerals since March

Those who were bereaved immediately before this

Those with special anniversaries now

Bereaved through **death**

BUT – other losses interplay and interconnect



# People: bereaved?

*NB: 75% of deaths are over 75*

- ▣ Baby boomers - planning and grieving
  - ▣ Gen X - organising and grieving
  - ▣ Millenials - grieving grandparents
  - ▣ Gen Z - first grief experiences
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- ▣ Relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues



# People: impact

- ▣ Total deaths in 2018: **514,000**
- ▣ In 2018 the CofE conducted 127,550 funerals
- ▣ April 2020: highest ever number of deaths

.. upwards of 2 million people each year





# Impact:

- ▣ **Close contacts:** People we talk and plan with  
*Time, listening, sharing, shaping, caring*
- ▣ **Wide contacts:** people who attend funerals  
*experience, awareness, memory*



# Language:

- ▣ Funerals
- ▣ Bereavement and grief
- ▣ Remembering - All Souls/Christmas
- ▣ Remembrance - Sunday/ Armistice
- ▣ Memorial[s]



# The journey of grief

- ▣ Big emotions, big questions
- ▣ Presence and absence
- ▣ Space, time, care
- ▣ Friends or counsellors?
- ▣ Spiritual questions



# Loss <sup>AND</sup> HOPE

**Loss and HOPE** exists to equip churches to support the bereaved through training and resources.

Response to the pandemic:

- **The Bereavement Journey Course**

With leaders' guide, online training and support



**Loss and HOPE** is a coalition of



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

LIFE EVENTS







- **25 years** of helping bereaved people
- Now running successfully **online**
- **6 facilitated group sessions with videos**
- **Missional** - optional final session on faith questions & Christian hope - -  
webinar on ensuring church accessibility to the bereaved
- Ideal to promote at Remembrance/ All Souls/ All Saints

Visit **[www.lossandhope.org](http://www.lossandhope.org)** for more  
information



# Purpose: remembering

- ▣ The part of a funeral that didn't happen
- ▣ Marking the significance of an event
- ▣ Giving thanks or celebrating
- ▣ Space for owning emotion
- ▣ Gathering thoughts and people
- ▣ Prayer and blessing
- ▣ Finding comfort and hope



# Frameworks

- ▣ National
  - ▣ Communal
  - ▣ Personal
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- ▣ Timescale
  - ▣ Individuals are multiply remembered



# Spaces

- ▣ Indoors
- ▣ Outdoors
  - Churches
  - Community
- ▣ Digital places
- ▣ Domestic





# Frameworks: national

- ▣ Large scale and public
- ▣ Truly national and also regional
- ▣ Broadcast?
- ▣ Balancing grief and gratitude
- ▣ Single time and place?
- ▣ Less personal or more valued?



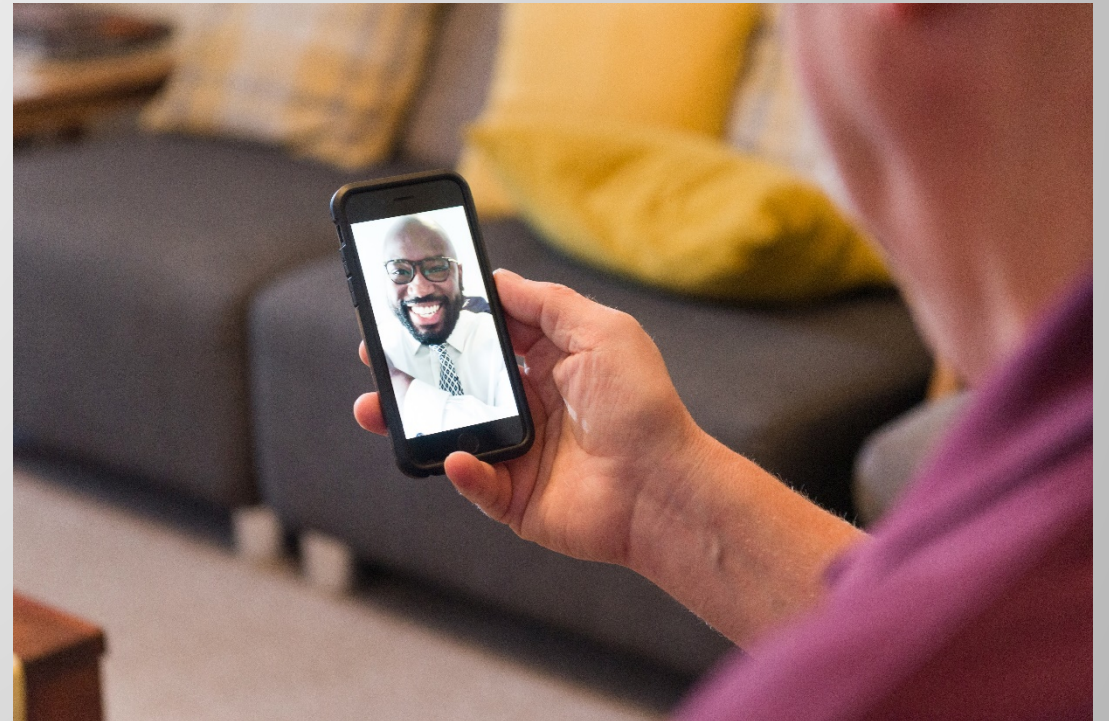
# Frameworks: communal

- ▣ Parish churches
- ▣ National/local story
- ▣ Local partnerships
- ▣ Represents the local experience
- ▣ Annual 'All Souls' service
- ▣ 'Civic' event and time for Remembrance
- ▣ Frequent events: special times



# Frameworks: personal

- ▣ Burial of ashes
- ▣ Individual service/moments
- ▣ Remembering services
  - “Pray, celebrate, remember”
- ▣ Remembering spaces – physical  
digital  
domestic





# Moments and memories

- ▣ Reading of names
- ▣ Lighting of candles
- ▣ Symbolic actions eg bugle, wreaths
- ▣ Hope of eternity/peace
- ▣ Silence and stillness
- ▣ Traditions – music, words
- ▣ Big story – my story



# All Souls' services:

Service[s] - expectations

Open hours - resource

Reading of names

Use churchyard creatively

Prayer moments at home

Zoom or stream?





# Remembrance Sunday:

Partners and expectations

Locations

Community creativity

Being at home



# Advent and Christmas:

- ▣ 'Comfort and joy'
- ▣ Special services
- ▣ Open times
- ▣ Prayer 'tree' – inside/outside
- ▣ Community space
- ▣ Partnerships



# Communication:

- ▣ Where?
- ▣ How?
- ▣ What?
- ▣ Information
- ▣ Invitation
- ▣ Continued - relationship



# Resources:

- ▣ Community posters
- ▣ Invitations
- ▣ Prayer card
- ▣ Liturgies
- ▣ Creative ideas





# Forget-me-not:

- ▣ Prayer card at home



*Loving God, be with me on this special day  
of remembering. Amen*

*You might like to write some names here*

A white rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for writing names.

*ve shaped our lives,  
nger see.  
them well,  
y are  
ou.*

[churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment](https://churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment)

# Poppies:

- ▣ Prayer card at home



justice,  
those people  
who died in active service.  
cherish their memory,  
your future;  
peace and hope,  
ever.

[churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance](https://churchofengland.org/prayers-for-remembrance)

# Core intentions:

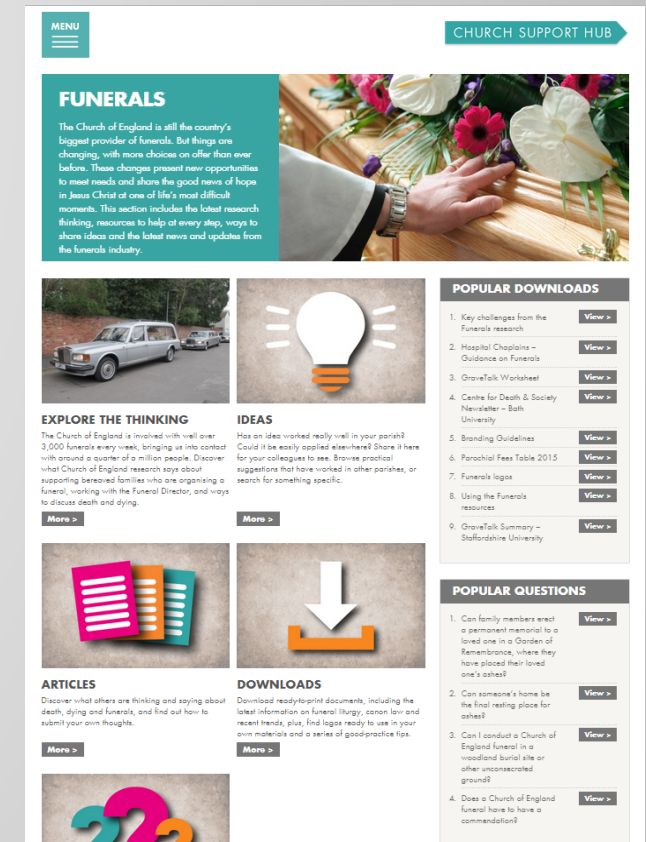
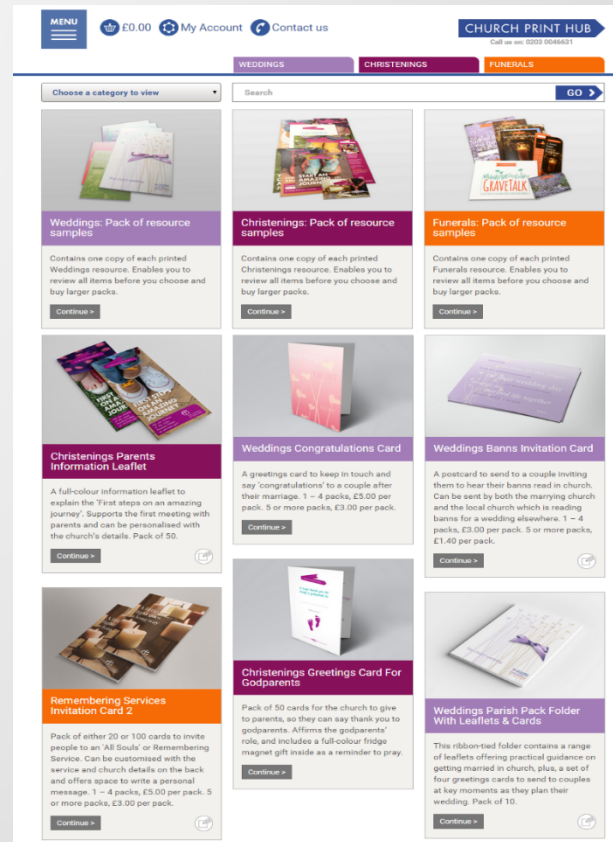
- ▣ **Reassurance** – you can do this
- ▣ **Confidence** – we have a message
- ▣ **Affirmation** – you are doing a great job
- ▣ **Art of the possible** – gathered will be the bonus
- ▣ **Becoming “memory makers”** - it’s not about disappointment but about delight





# ChurchPrintHub: Churchsupporthub:

- An online shop
- customised, ready
- Information
- Insights
- Ideas
- Free Downloads





A photograph of a white rose and a rose bud lying on a light-colored wooden surface. The rose is in the center, and the bud is to its right. The text "Thank you" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Thank you**