

Filming & Live Streaming Policy



The Parish frequently receives requests for occasional offices such as funerals and weddings to be live streamed, and it retains the capacity to provide live streaming in other acts of public worship.

It is recognised that there are certain security and privacy issues that prevent some people from wishing to appear on a publicly available recording and the Parish is mindful of the need to protect and safeguard all who come into contact with the Church.

To this end, the following will be adhered to:

- All services which are to be recorded or live streamed will be stated as being so on the order of service (for one-off occasional offices) or on the weekly sheet, weekly email and the parish website in the case of regular public worship.
- For those services which are filmed or live-streamed by the parish, in general cameras and recording equipment will be aimed towards those areas of the church where liturgical action takes place, ie the chancel step, the altar, the choir, the pulpit and the lectern. However, it cannot be guaranteed that members of the congregation will not be pictured on film. The areas towards the back of Christ Church, and on the gallery at St Mary's, are designated as spaces where filming will not take place.
- Those undertaking third party filming at weddings and funerals will need to make arrangements with either the chief mourner or the bride and groom as to the extent of filming that they undertake. The Parish will not be held responsible for such filming or its later storage and archiving under GDPR.
- Those who are taking an active part in any service (leading, reading, singing in the choir, serving, welcoming, playing musical instruments, etc) will be taken to have given their approval for themselves to appear on a live stream or a recording.
- All live streaming and filming undertaken by the Parish may be disseminated online and therefore may be in the public domain. Any footage not in the public domain will be stored and destroyed in accordance with the Data Protection and Privacy policy.

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Date of next review: September 2027