



To

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Dear Michael

We are about to enter Holy Week and for a second year we will walk the Way of the Cross largely alone or, at least, at a distance. We can perhaps reflect more meaningfully this year on the word 'alone' and the phrase 'at a distance'. They are both closely associated with the description of the events of Our Lord's Passion. I wish you every blessing on the journey we are making on the Way of the Cross during this pandemic with the hope of Easter before us.

In my letter of the 12 March I promised to let you have a link for the Chrism Eucharist. In truth, no link is needed because it will be not be a private event but live streamed from the cathedral from whose website you will be able to find a link nearer the time. But to help you find it, I suggest that you use this link: <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events/eucharist-chrism-and-re-affirmation-vows-online-only>.

It is likely that the oils will be distributed at the Clergy Day on the 7 July.

One piece of news that may help our celebration of Easter and beyond is that [the government has issued guidance](#):

From 28 March

- Indoors: - small groups of singers will be allowed to perform, or rehearse for performance, only where essential to an act of communal worship. This should be limited to as few singers as possible, with social distancing being maintained at all times. Communal singing should not take place.
- Outdoors, in the grounds or the outside space of a place of worship: When communal worship takes place outdoors, the congregation may join in with singing, and should follow the principles set out in the performing arts guidance. This includes ensuring that congregation members follow social distancing rules. Social contact limits apply, meaning that households, support bubbles or groups of 2 must not mingle. Communal singing in other public open spaces should not take place.

From 29 March

- indoors: guidance and rules remain the same as from 28 March
- outdoors, in the grounds or the outside space of a place of worship: when communal worship takes place outdoors, the congregation may join in and should follow the principles set out in the performing arts guidance. New social contact limits apply.

For further information, including guidance on singing in other settings or outside of communal worship, please refer to the [performing arts guidance](#).

If you are able to take advantage of this relaxation, please do consult and observe the guidance.

The diocesan website has been updated to cover the latest guidance including that from the Church of England yesterday. Do please keep an eye on the website for the latest news as it is issued.

With my best wishes for the keeping of a good Holy Week and a joyous celebration of Easter

+Nicholas Sarum