## Music for Online Services during lock-down.

With the church buildings being literally locked, a many clergy are looking at supporting congregations using modern technology. A number of churches have asked if they can use <u>Hymns Without Words</u> recordings in online services.

They are using systems such as Zoom and YouTube and Facebook streaming. Guy Chave-Cox, Vicar of Sticklepath with Roundswell, in Devon in the UK says:

"We tried out two hymns this morning . . . We solved the varying time lag problem that is due to different bandwidth internet speeds - by people singing along separately (just with your music and the lyrics displayed, and a spoken style lead from me for those connected by phone without words).

We ensured that the copyright details and your notes on performance rights were displayed before the play button was pressed for each hymn."

With the major festivals of <u>Passiontide</u> and <u>Easter</u> coming up, <u>Hymns Without Words</u> creator, Richard Irwin said "The founding principle of <u>Hymns Without Words</u> was to provide free access to quality recordings of hymns for churches who do not have live musicians in order to accompany their congregations during services. I am very happy to support this inventive way of meeting the needs of local communities."

For more information, please contact <u>richard@hymnswithoutwords.com</u>. If you would prefer not to download the tracks you can also find 100's of hymns and his latest album "Hymns for Easter" on <u>Amazon, Apple Music, Deezer, Google, iTunes</u>, <u>Soundcloud</u>, <u>Spotify</u> and other on-line services.

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