

RELIGION ONLINE

In these unusual times that we find ourselves due to the coronavirus, the consequences of this pandemic has affected many different aspects of society, including religion.

With social distancing measures, the closure of places of worship has meant that religious believers and leaders have had to adapt the ways that they worship God and how they celebrate festivals, for example. There have been religious festivals since lockdown, including Eid ul-Fitr, Passover and Easter. Technology has played a bigger role than normal in helping to provide religious services, guidance and support to religious believers and opportunities to come together as a religious community, albeit remotely.

On the next couple of slides there are links to discussions about the use of online technology and whether one of the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic is going to be a religious recession or revival? Also, examples of virtual worship from a local church in Farnborough, so you can see how worship is being conducted online for different age groups.



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Competition

EITHER write an essay on the following statement: ‘Coronavirus will bring about a religious revival’. Evaluate this statement.

OR Discuss the pros and cons of using online technology in religion and whether there is an opportunity post-coronavirus to use online technology to engage religious believers who maybe have lapsed in their faith or at

least their practice of it? What other ways could online technology be used, to engage young people?

Suggest

examples of online services, activities, support.....

Email: Competitions@gordons.school

When you email, please use the subject heading ‘KS5 Week 1 – What do people believe about...’

Closing date: 9am 29th January 2021

Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms

A discussion about religion online from different religious perspectives:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000hmng>

Article about whether covid-19 might cause a religious recession:

<https://religionanddiplomacy.org.uk/2020/04/08/will-covid-19-cause-a-religious-recession/>

A contrasting article about how coronavirus is leading to a religious revival:

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/religion/2020/04/how-coronavirus-leading-religious-revival>



EXAMPLES OF ONLINE SERVICES FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH, FARNBOROUGH

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3ZWKA_iVcW7wbVFCI3aH9emY_oH7J_zl

- TRADITIONAL SERVICE:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3ZWKA_iVcW61HMbWBBpXfJCU_VeAa2iM

FOR THE UNDER 18's....

- PJ CHURCH - for all the family - lots of fun to be had in our online worship...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xzBZWAEegs&t=1s>

- TODDLER STORY... with the PURPLE BUCKET

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivc53_WPj4Y&t=1s

- YOUTH ONLINE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoNEA44XRWA>

