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Coronavirus Law & Guidance

- **Scotland** – places of worship are closed by law
- **England and Wales** – places of worship remain open for communal worship

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Scotland

- Weddings permitted with max 5 attenders
- Funerals permitted with max 20 attenders

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England

- Churches can open for public worship & to broadcast/record
- Outdoor worship in church garden, courtyard, car park
- Not open for indoor prayer meetings/study groups
- Can open for 'support groups' of max 15
- Funerals for up to 30 attenders
- Weddings – only in 'exceptional circumstances' max 6 attenders

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England (continued)

- Sunday-School Organised Crèche and Children's Activities – 'out of school settings' only for child care of key workers and vulnerable children
- Congregational Singing – advice against congregational singing
- Leading Worship – 1 singer or max 3 if 'essential' to the act of worship
- Social distancing requirements remain the same
- To attend place of worship should stay local and avoid travelling outside your village, town or part of your city

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Wales

- Churches open for communal worship
- Outdoor worship not permitted
- Advice against congregational singing
- Funerals and Weddings with no limit (subject to social distancing)
- Prayer meetings & study groups in church
- No supervised children's activities

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Resources & Information

- **FIEC FAQs**
fiec.org.uk/covidfaqs
- **Baptist Union**
baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx
- **Scotland**
fiec.org.uk/resources/staying-calm-and-keeping-perspective-places-of-worship-closure-in-scotland

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