What are cookies?

Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and also allows us to improve our sites.

Cookies are small text files containing a string of characters that can be placed on your computer or mobile device that uniquely identify your browser or device.

What are cookies used for?

Cookies allow a site or services to know if your computer or device has visited that site or service before. Cookies can then be used to help understand how the site or service is being used, help you navigate between pages efficiently, help remember your preferences, and generally improve your browsing experience. Cookies can also help ensure marketing you see online is more relevant to you and your interests.

What types of cookies does the Church of England use?

We use the following cookies:

- **Necessary cookies.** These are cookies that are required for the operation of our websites. They include, for example, cookies that enable you, where provided, to log onto the secure area of our websites.

- **Analytical cookies.** These allow us to recognise and count the number of users and to see how the users move around our websites when they are using it. This helps us to improve the way our websites work, for example, by ensuring that users are finding what they are looking for easily.

- **Marketing cookies.** These allows us to serve up relevant content to users who interact with us across different online platforms including our websites, social media platforms and other digital services we provide.

You can find more information about the individual cookies we use and the purposes for which we use them in the table below:

Cookie		Domain		Purpose	Type of cookie
Universal Analytics (Google)	www.google.com	**These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use our website. We use the information to compile reports and to help us improve the website. The cookies collect information in an anonymous form, including the number of visitors to the website and blog, where visitors have come to the website from and the pages they visited.** Read Google's overview of privacy and safeguarding data	**Analytical**	

YouTube	www.youtube.com	We embed videos from our official YouTube channel using YouTube's privacy-enhanced mode. This mode may set cookies on your computer once you click on the YouTube video player, but YouTube will not store personally-identifiable cookie information for playbacks of embedded videos using the privacy-enhanced mode. Read YouTube's embedding videos information page.	Necessary
Hotjar	www.hotjar.com	These cookies are used by a heatmapping analytics tool which collects information about how website visitors interact with our pages, which includes things like scroll amount, what links have been clicked and where content is highlighted. Read Hotjar's legal overviews notices.	Analytical

Facebook Pixel	www.facebook.com	**These cookies are used to track visitor activity on our website and allow us to track when visitors are accessing the website via our Facebook posts.** Read Facebook's overview on their Pixel.	Marketing
Cloudflare	www.cloudflare.com	**This cookie is used to identify individual clients behind a shared IP address and apply security settings on a per-client basis.** **It does not correspond to any user ID in your web application, and does not store any personally identifiable information.** Read Cloudflare's overview on their cookie.	**Necessary**
Church of England	www.churchofengland.org	**Agree to cookie – The user has accepted or not accepted use of cookies.** **Session cookie – improves site user experience.**	**Necessary**

How long will cookies stay on my device?

The length of time a cookie will stay on your computer or mobile device depends on whether it is a "persistent" or "session" cookie. Session cookies will only stay on your device until you stop browsing. Persistent cookies stay on your computer or mobile device until they expire or are deleted.

First and third party cookies

First-party cookies are cookies that belong to The Church of England, third-party cookies are cookies that another party places on your device through our Service. Third-party cookies may be placed on your device by someone providing a service for The Church of England, for example to help us understand how our service is being used. Third-party cookies may also be placed on your device by our business partners so that they can use them to advertise products and services to you elsewhere on the Internet.

How to control and delete cookies

If you wish to disable your browser from receiving cookies **follow these instructions**. Note that if you set your browser to disable cookies, you may not be able to access certain parts of our Service and other parts of our Service may not work properly. You can find out more information cookie settings at third-party information sites, such as **www.allaboutcookies.org**.

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