

## **Making the most of the live-stream services**

As we prepare to do our first ever live streamed Sunday Service (fingers crossed for all the tech to work!) we thought we might put some guidance on how to prepare for an online Sunday service.

Talking of preparation – that is indeed the first thing to do – get your coffees, nip to the loo, turn your phone / TV /radio off and try to block out the distractions around you – something taken for granted when we come to Church but ask anyone who has worked from home and they will tell you how easy it is to get distracted!

Now we're going to assume that you have an internet connection as sadly for a streamed service its kind of essential!

The next thing to do is think about how you are going to listen. Hopefully you know that our intention is to use YouTube and the link you will need on the day is this one:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3BrCAz-8KtH0KrqsiW8s2w?fbclid=IwAR2ixjanuTni3Mi7BmGcYnlrsbv0drsBT7iOHnTVBC7c-3-xob-wWdTzy\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3BrCAz-8KtH0KrqsiW8s2w?fbclid=IwAR2ixjanuTni3Mi7BmGcYnlrsbv0drsBT7iOHnTVBC7c-3-xob-wWdTzy_0)

Now the good news is YouTube is extremely easy to access and supported on many platforms

If you're going to be watching as a family then the best bet is using your TV. Most Smart TV's have YouTube built in as an APP. Virgin's TIVO box, SKY's Q box support YouTube as do Streaming Media players such as Chromecast, Roku, Apple TV and Amazon's Fire stick. Even the kids Playstation & Xbox support it.

Other ways to tune in will be a laptop, phone or Tablet – you can either use the web browser or the YouTube app – its free to download.

The downside of laptops, phones & tablets is they sound very thin or 'tinny' – in order to cram so much into a small and portable device they don't have room for a decent speaker. We have two suggestions for this – one is to use headphones – almost all of these devices have a small 3.5mm headphone socket on them – plug in a set of headphones and the sound will be much better – however only *you* will be able to hear it.

The other option is Bluetooth. Almost all devices have Bluetooth now – so if you have a Bluetooth speaker or hifi system you can pair your device to that.

If you have any questions or need any help why not pop on to our facebook site (holytrinityoldhill) and let us know – we will try and help.

During the service itself a live chat might appear which means you can post messages for the service leaders and other viewers to see – please can we encourage you to use this in a positive way – it's a great way to interact, a bit like if Nick or Rich came round the pews with the microphone!