

Funerals : more information

Help from St. Peter's

We want to help you at this sad time. You don't have to be a churchgoer or think of yourself as religious in order to have a church funeral for your loved one - it is available to everyone who lives in the parish.

The Rector can conduct funerals in church, or at a crematorium, cemetery or natural burial ground in a chapel or at the graveside, and can say prayers when ashes are interred.

Just as every person is unique, so every funeral is special. Your loved one may have told you their wishes for their funeral, or even written you instructions. Think about how you want to give thanks; you can choose to include music, or to involve family and friends in Bible readings or prayers or poetry, or in sharing memories of your loved one. The Rector can give any advice you want.

For family members who cannot be present, the service can be livestreamed from church so that they can take part from afar.

If your loved one is to be buried or interred at St Peter's, we can point you to the regulations which govern all aspects of graves in churchyards, which you should read before you make any decisions about memorials; this will help you think through your ideas.

God our Father, we thank you for the person we knew, the years we shared, the good we saw, and the love we received. Amen.

If you would like to talk to someone about your bereavement, do feel free to contact the Rector, or why not join St. Peter's Bereavement Support Group?

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