

Funerals

Help from St. Peter's

We feel for you in your bereavement and hope that the faith and support of the Church and the peace of this beautiful place will help to bring you comfort at this sad time.

Funeral arrangements are normally made through your undertaker. We will do all we can to offer you support before, during and after the funeral, for as long as you want. If it would help you to talk with someone about your bereavement, please get in touch - there is always someone for you to speak with here.

You don't have to be a churchgoer or think of yourself as religious in order to have a Christian funeral for your loved one - it is available to everyone who lives in the parish. The Rector can conduct Christian 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 given 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 buried or interred at St Peter's, please be aware that we must comply with Church of England **regulations** which govern all aspects of burials, interments and graves here; they cover everything from headstone **materials** and permitted **inscriptions** to what may and may not be **placed on graves** (fresh flowers are always welcome).*

*You can get a copy of these regulations from the church office or online (you'll find them at stpetersaddingham.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Churchyard-Regulations.pdf) : **please do read them**. This will help you before you make plans for a memorial, and can save you from disappointment later as well, so that together we can keep the churchyard uncluttered and a place of beauty for all. Please do ask for further guidance from the Rector.*

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.