

My Funeral Wishes

Throughout your planning it is your wishes that matter most.

Once you have completed this booklet, keep it in a safe place and update it as and when you need to, and make sure your next of kin are aware of your wishes (you may wish to make copies to give to them).

If you would like help in planning your funeral, please speak to a member of the clergy. Contact the Parish Office on 01228 810616.

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Preparing for your funeral can trigger mixed emotions. However, planning can give you comfort and peace of mind. Decisions made in advance can also make the future easier for your next of kin; a good funeral can provide positive lasting memories.

There are many things to think about. With this in mind we have put together a list and suggestions that may help you decide what you would like to happen at your funeral. This is not legally binding, but gives your loved ones a very clear idea of what you want.

Your name

Date

Funeral Director

Identify which one would suit your needs and budget best. They will be in a caring role for your next of kin, so bear this in mind.

Do you have a pre-paid funeral plan Yes No

Details:

Would you like to be buried or cremated?

Where would you like your body to be buried?

Cemetery *New Plot*

Woodland Burial *Existing Plot*

Details:

Venue

Where will your funeral/memorial service take place? Church, crematorium, other?

Brief outline of your life

You may wish to use this space to write down some key points from your life (e.g. special dates, where you were born, jobs, names of relatives, interests, achievements etc) to help those planning your funeral,

Any specific instructions?

- *Notice in newspapers and/or social media?*
- *Will you rest at home or a funeral directors?*
- *What would you like to be dressed in/jewellery?*
- *Pallbearers?*
- *Coffin type—traditional, environmental or wicker?*
- *Vehicle/hearse procession route?*
- *Special transport—traditional, horse drawn, motorcycle or campervan, etc?*

Celebrant

Who would you like to conduct the funeral?

Funeral Service Wishes

Printed Order of Service

Yes

No

Options to consider:

Entrance Music

Leaving Music

Songs & Hymns

Any other special music during the service

Bible Reading(s)

Other readings/poems

Prayers

Tributes

Dress Code e.g. wear bright colours/something pink

Entry in Book of Remembrance at the Crematorium?

Who would you like to attend?

Family? Friends? Colleagues? Neighbours?

Children and young people

Will they be present or who will look after them?

Flowers?

*E.g. family flowers only. What type of flowers would you like?
Do you have any favourite colours?*

Donations to charity

*Do you wish to ask people to make a donation in your
memory to a specific charity or charities?*

Refreshments afterwards

Venue?

Following a cremation

*Where would you like your ashes to be scattered?
E.g. a beach? A football ground? On a fell? Interred in a family
plot or new plot? Specific month garden in crematorium?*