

Planning our own funeral service can be a great help to our family when they have to make the arrangements. In the midst of bereavement it is not always easy to remember someone's favourite hymns etc. Knowing that a funeral reflects the wishes of a loved one can be a source of comfort and reassurance.

Our funeral is also one of the most important statements of our faith. By planning it, we are ensuring that the faith which has shaped our lives, and the hope we have in Christ, are expressed in the service in the way we wish.

- A funeral can take place at St Edmund's Church to be followed by either burial or cremation.
- The coffin can be received into church on the evening before the service if you wish. Close family can be present and some appropriate prayers can be said.
- It is possible to incorporate Holy Communion into the service if you wish, though it would be helpful to have talked this through with your family beforehand.
- You may wish to specify whether you wish the retiring collection to go to a specific charity, or to the church, or both.
- If there is to be a cremation then the minister and family can accompany the coffin to the crematorium for the committal, or these prayers can be said in church and the funeral directors will then accompany the coffin.

You may like to use this leaflet to plan your service, perhaps with the help of family, friends or a member of the clergy. (Please let your family know where these details are kept.)

My funeral arrangements

Name.....

Address.....

I would like my funeral to take place at:

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I would like my body to rest in church overnight: yes / no

I would like the following hymns and music:

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I would like the following reading/s:

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I would like the following Psalm, prayer etc to be included:

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I would like there to be Holy Communion: yes / no

I would like to be: buried / cremated

(For cremation) I would like the committal to take place:

in church / at the crematorium

I would like the retiring collection to be donated to:

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If possible I would like the following people to be involved:
(please give details of what you would like them to do)

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Any other wishes:

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N.B. These requests are not legally binding. If you are concerned about this you should consider including instructions in your will.

GETTING READY

Planning for a funeral in church



St Edmund's Roundhay