

Living God's Love

Prayers for Funerals

O God, who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die, in our grief and shock contain and comfort us; embrace us with your love, give us hope in our confusion and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ.
Amen

Support us O Lord all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. The, Lord in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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Funerals & Memorial Services

Parish of Christ Church
with
St. Mary's
Old Town, SWINDON

A Celebration of the life of someone you love.



The Funeral Service is all about **YOUR CHOICES** and **YOUR CHURCH** is here to make it happen.

A funeral marks the end of a life's journey here on earth. Family and friends come together to express their grief, celebrate the deceased person's life and commend them into God's care. There can be a small, quiet ceremony or a large occasion in a packed church.

A church service is available for all people. If you would like to talk to someone from the church about arranging a funeral please contact us (see back page for details) and we will arrange to come and meet you.

When you speak to the funeral directors please let them know that you would like a Church of England service. It is possible to have a Church of England service either in a church, at the graveside or at the crematorium.

Our ministry extends beyond this simple final act as we also recognise the value of providing support, encouragement and friendship to the bereaved. We also help those who are dying, prepare for their death and conduct memorial services to give comfort to those who are left behind.

Every death and every funeral is different but they often raise profound fundamental issues about life and death. If you have been affected by bereavement and would like to talk to someone about it you can contact the Parish Office and ask to speak to a minister.

There are also a number of others listed overleaf who are able to help.



YOUR CHURCH IS HERE TO HELP AT THIS CHALLENGING TIME.

We are here to help. It doesn't matter whether you are a regular churchgoer or not; what does matter is that your loved one is given the celebration of their life that you wish for; and you are given the time to grieve that you need.

The church at the heart of the community is there to help all who live here. Helping the family to grieve, enabling every aspect of the service planning and comforting those who mourn.

PLANNING A FUNERAL

The ministry team at Christ Church is trained in making the service exactly how you would want it to be. One of our ministers will meet with you to discuss and understand your hopes and intentions. We will help you plan a service that is personal and special to you and your loved one. Whatever readings, hymns, music or reflections you choose can be built into the service. Most importantly we can help make the eulogy reflect exactly the life you want to celebrate.