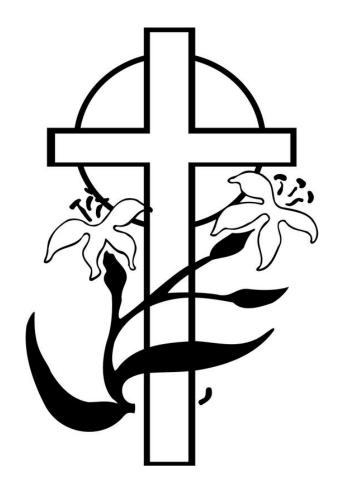
The Church of England in Barlborough and Clowne



Ideas for my funeral service

Name:			
Date:			

Welcome

Funerals can be on our minds for all sorts of reasons. Thinking about your own funeral now and making your wishes known can be a comfort to you and your family in all sorts of ways.

This booklet gives you space to make some notes and begin to think about your ideas, including the sort of music and readings you might like. You could then use it to share with those around you.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you"

- John 14.27



First things first

When a funeral is arranged, your relatives will see a Funeral Director and will be asked to make a number of decisions, including:

- Whether your body is to be buried or cremated
- Where your funeral is to be held
- Who will lead the service (eg. The local vicar or someone different)
- What type of coffin should be used
- Whether there will be flowers or if there is a special charity to which donations may be made from those at the funeral
- If there is a preference for the type of transport of the coffin to the funeral venue

You may like to think about some of these decisions and write down your preferences here. It will really help your relatives to have this information at an undoubtedly difficult time.

My preferences:

Arriving at the funeral

Would you like any music played as the coffin enters the venue? You don't have to, but there could be some music that you think is just right for this moment. As the coffin is carried, the person taking the funeral may say some words. It only takes a minute so any music is likely to be an extract rather than a full piece. To help you choose, think about the mood of the music and how those attending will be feeling:

"Be there at our sleeping and give us we pray, your peace in our hearts Lord at the end of the day."

Extract from Lord of All Hopefulness



Hymns

Other:

A few words of welcome will be said and then there is space for a hymn at the start. Hymns can often help people express their feelings in a way that words alone can't. So as well as thinking about the hymns you love, bear in mind how those present will be feeling, and what sort of music will be suitable to the occasion. You can have one, two or more hymns throughout the service.

Here are some suggested hymns for funerals (there are many others to choose from, however!). Tick your choices or use the space to write your choices below (please give the first line where possible).

☐ Abide with me	 Make me a channel of your 		
☐ All things bright and beautiful	peace		
☐ Amazing Grace	☐ Morning has broken		
☐ Dear Lord and Father of	\square God, our help in ages past		
Mankind	\square Jesus, I have promised		
\square Guide me O Thou Great	☐ Lord my God! When I in		
Redeemer	awesome wonder		
☐ How sweet the name of Jesus	$\ \square$ Love that will not let me go		
sounds	$\ \square$ On a hill far away stood an old		
☐ I watch the sunrise	rugged cross		
☐ In heavenly love abiding	$\ \square$ Rock of ages, cleft for me		
☐ Just as I am, without one plea	$\ \square$ The day thou gavest, Lord, is		
☐ Lead us, heavenly Father, lead	ended		
us	$\ \square$ The King of Love my Shepherd		
☐ Lord of all hopefulness	is		
☐ Love divine, all loves excelling	$\ \square$ The Lord's my Shepherd		
	$\ \square$ Thine be the glory		

Readings

readings, as well as the required Bible reading. There are many Bible readings which offer comfort and hope to those who are grieving. Here are just a few popular examples:						
☐ Psalm 23	☐ Romans 8 v 31-39	☐ Revelation 21 v1-7				
□ John 14 v 1-6	☐ I Corinthians 13	☐ Ecclesiastes 3 v 1-8				
Do you have a preference for any of these? Tick any you like.						
Or do you have ideas of your own for Bible readings, or readings from other places? lot down any readings you really like here:						

A message of hope

There are two parts to a talk at a funeral: the first is about telling your unique story and the second focuses on sharing the Christian hope that death is not the end.

It will really help the person giving the talk if you write down some notes and anecdotes about your life here (use a separate piece of paper if you need to).

My life story:

Prayers

Are there any special prayers you would like to be included? They might include prayers for particular people who will be at your funeral or for particular things that you have held close to your heart in your lifetime, for example the Mothers' Union or British Legion. If anything obvious comes to mind, write it here:

Conclusion and Farewell

This is often a particularly emotional moment for those attending your funeral. You don't have to include anything extra at this point, but if there is anything you would like to happen, such as a piece of music to be played or some final words to be said, write your ideas down:

The Burial

Do you have a preference for the type of burial you have, or where it takes place? If you choose to be cremated, you might have some ideas for where your ashes are placed, but there could be restrictions depending on the location you wanted. You can explore the possibilities well in advance to check they can be done.

At our churches we have an area where your ashes can be interred.

Write down your initial thoughts, if you have any, here:

Leave a legacy

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church. Leaving a gift in your Will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support the mission and ministry in Barlborough and Clowne.

A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and help transform its future.

You may wish to insert this clause into your Will:

I wish £______ to be passed to the Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist, Clowne / St James the Greater, Barlborough (delete as appropriate) in the Diocese of Derby, to be used:

□ at the discretion of the PCC or

□ for mission and community outreach in that parish or

□ for work on the fabric/building of the church

Additional notes

Further information about funerals in the Church of England can be found online:
https://churchofenglandfunerals.org/
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