

Funerals at St Leonard's

Our Services

Sundays

9.00 am Holy Communion

A traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer

10.30 am Parish Communion

A service for all ages (2nd Sunday in each month

Parade Service for Uniformed Organisations)

On behalf of St. Leonard's Church please accept our sincere condolences for your loss and be assured of our prayers for you at this sad and difficult time. This leaflet is intended to provide you with the information you need to ensure the funeral is as straightforward as possible. For further details about subsequent burial or interment of ashes of your loved one, then we can give you a separate booklet with this information, if needed. What we offer in this booklet relates to initial practicalities, but our thoughts, prayers and actions are directed towards you, your family and friends as you mourn the loss of your loved one.

Putting together the order of service for the funeral

We hope the order of the service (shown below) will give you a structure to work with when you put together the order of service for the funeral. It is often very helpful for those attending the funeral, and as memento of the service, to have the words of the hymns printed in the order of service (copyright laws need to be adhered to). If there is anything you are not sure of, or wish to discuss further, please speak to the officiating Priest. Your Funeral Director will also be able to offer advice and assistance on any queries you may have.

We hope this information has been helpful.

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“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”

John 14:1-2

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The coffin is received by the Priest at the Church doors. Sentences of Scripture are read as the coffin enters the Church. (If the service is one of thanksgiving, immediately or soon after the committal, then a Hymn may be sung as the funeral party enters the Church)

Introduction (given by the Priest)

Hymn

Eulogy / Tribute to the deceased (by friend or relative)

Prayers of penitence

Reading from the Old or New Testament

(Hymn?)

Homily

Prayers

Hymn

Commendation and Farewell

The Dismissal

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