

**Funeral  
Services at  
Westbury Parish  
Church**



**A Guide for  
the Bereaved**

**We are deeply sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences at this difficult time.**

If you would like a pastoral visit, or to talk to a member of the clergy, please do get in touch with us.

This leaflet will take you through some of the key questions that you may have.

### **Who do I need to contact?**

You will need to instruct a funeral director to manage all aspects of the funeral arrangements. The funeral director will contact the Parish Office and finalise the date and time of the service.

One of the Ministry Team will then make contact with you to discuss the service.

Details of the team are at the end of this leaflet.

### **What happens next?**

The minister who is taking the service will get in touch to confirm the date and time of the funeral and to arrange a visit. If you live too far away, you can have a telephone conversation with the minister instead.

### **What happens when the minister makes first contact?**

The minister will explore with you the wishes of the deceased and the family, and explain the shape of the service.

The minister will then draft the order of service with you and take you through every aspect.

It is intended that there is as much flexibility as possible about the content of the service. We do want to make the funeral as personal as possible to the bereaved family.

### **What do I do about music?**

Music is an important part of the service and can feature at various points. You can choose music for entering and leaving the church, the hymns during the service and some music for reflection.

Music can be played on a CD or on the organ.

David Ogden is our appointed organist and will play for the service.

If you wish to have someone else play the organ, please discuss this with the minister.

### **How can I arrange for flowers?**

Flowers can be arranged through our flower-arranging team. Please speak to our Parish Administrator, who will put you in touch with the team coordinator. Alternatively, you are welcome to plan the flowers yourself.

## Is it possible to have the service recorded?

An audio recording can be made of the service. Please discuss with the minister.

## What is the Committal?

The Committal is the final part of the funeral service. It usually takes place at Canford Crematorium for a cremation or at the graveside for a burial.

Please note that burial spaces are very limited in Bristol. They will need to be arranged via your funeral director.

## Is it possible to bury ashes in the churchyard?

In the parish churchyard, there is a Garden of Remembrance for the burial of ashes. This garden is for those who live in the parish or who have historical links with the parish. Please discuss this with the minister. There is no time limit to the burying of ashes after the funeral.

## How do I arrange a memorial stone?

If you wish to arrange a memorial stone, you can ask the Parish Administrator for an information sheet called *The Interment of Ashes in the Churchyard*.

You will need to contact the stonemasons listed on the sheet directly, and they will ask you for details of the inscription that you would like. They will then advise on their fees, which are inclusive of the necessary permissions.

## How do I get in touch with you?

- The **Parish Office**, down the path to the left of the church, is open between 9.30am and 12.30pm every weekday except Wednesday.
- You can call the **Parish Administrator** on 0117 950 8644 or email her at [office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk)
- Our **Ministry Team** consists of:
  - Our Vicar, **Father André Hart**: 0117 962 1536
  - Licensed Lay Minister **Lyn Horscroft**: 0117 962 3164
  - Licensed Lay Minister **Dianne Yeandel**: 0117 950 8665
  - Licensed Lay Minister **Portia Chorlton**: 07974 000 667
  - Licensed Lay Minister **Stephen Rolston**: 07463 657 559
- Our Pastoral Team Leader is **David Troughton**: 07821 393 272