

Some Suggested Hymns

Crimond (The Lord's my Shepherd)

Love Divine, all loves excelling

The Day Thou Gavest

Amazing Grace

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

The King of Love my Shepherd is

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Abide with me

The Old Rugged Cross

Eternal Father Strong to Save

O God, our help in ages past

O Lord my God, When I in Awesome Wonder

Lord of all Hopefulness

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

There is a Redeemer

For more ideas for Bible readings, prayers, hymns etc., please see the Church of England's main website on:

<https://churchofenglandfunerals.org/>

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THE VALE OF PEWSEY TEAM

Parish Churches within the Vale of Pewsey

Planning a Funeral in The Vale of Pewsey Team

A Guide for a Service in Church or at the Crematorium



When a loved-one dies we experience a whole range of emotions. Whether the person has died suddenly or after a long illness, the end always seems like a shock for us. Not only must we cope with our sadness and grief at their loss, but we must also cope with a whole range of practical tasks and decisions, including the planning of the funeral. We hope that this leaflet will help you, though you may also think of other ideas for readings, poems and music appropriate for the person to be remembered. Your minister will be there to help you, together with your Funeral Director.

The Order of Service

1. Front Cover:

Name of Church

Picture: Cross, flowers and/or
photograph

Name of loved one to be
remembered

Their dates

Day and time of Service

2. Inside the Order of Service - an optional guide:

Order of Service

Music to enter

Sentences of Scripture

Welcome and Prayers

Hymn

Bible Reading

Other Readings or Poem

Tribute (optional)

Address by Minister

Hymn (optional)

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional version)

Hymn

The Commendation

The Committal

The Blessing

Music to exit

Details of donations and refreshments

*'Cast all your anxiety upon Him,
because He cares for you.'* 1 Peter 5:7

3. A selection of suitable Bible readings:

John 14:1-6

Psalms 23

Psalms 121

Psalms 139

Revelation 21:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

John 6:35-40

John 11:17-27

Romans 8:31-end

To locate the full text of these Bible
readings, go to:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/>

Families also often use other kinds of
readings and poems in addition to
the Bible readings. They may also
choose favourite music on CD to play
in church or at the Crematorium.

Sorrow comes to everyone

Grief is no respecter of persons, it is an
experience we find hard to understand until it
happens to us.

There are various stages of grief in
bereavement which may come in any order and
last for different times. Our first reaction will
be shock. We may find it hard to believe what
has happened to us. We may feel a sense of
numbness, everything seems unreal.

Grief can feel like a heavy burden. We may
have a sense of guilt: 'What if?' and 'If only I'd
done this or that...'

Some people imagine that they have seen or
heard their loved one. These feelings are a
normal part of grief.

Some people feel sudden floods of grief or
anger, which are releasing and healing; whilst
others find it hard to express their feelings,
maybe finding that the grief catches up with
them unexpectedly, it could be months or even
years later.

We all need time to work through painful
memories and talk with someone we trust who
will listen. By taking the time we need and
guarding against hasty actions we will
gradually learn to live again, to adjust, to find
peace, acceptance and meaning. In all of this
we may gain a new understanding of God's
presence with us, and with our loved one. We
may begin to appreciate God's love and care in
our grief and hope for the life before us.

***Jesus said: 'Blessed are those who mourn, for
they shall be comforted.'* Matthew 5:4**