

Funerals

As well as the joyful times in life, we know that sad times come as well, so we seek to offer you the support of our congregation in prayer and in the planning of a suitable funeral service.

Funerals can be held in church followed by a burial or cremation; they can also be held at the graveside or in the chapel at a local Crematorium.

They are very special and very personal times and we strive to offer you the help you need in deciding what is best for you and your family as well as respecting the wishes of your loved one, as we plan the service together.

We can advise you about readings, music and the service structure as well as what you might like to include as you remember and pay tribute to the person who has died.

As Christians we believe that Jesus died for us and was raised again from death to offer us, through God's great love – the hope of a life beyond this earthly one, with God in heaven.

In a Funeral service we seek to take comfort from God's love and the hope we are offered in Jesus.

There can be fees associated with funerals and we will be happy to explain these to you.

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Special Services
Information Leaflet

Baptisms & Thanksgiving Services

As a church community we want to celebrate with you the gift of a new life and so offer services of baptism and thanksgiving to parents and their children.

Some adults who were not baptized as a child may also come to feel that this would be the right step for them as they have come to know God through Jesus Christ.

Baptism offers the gift of God's grace to us and marks the welcome of a child or adult into the community of Christian faith that we call the Church – the world-wide community of believers.

Baptism for a child involves the parent or parents making promises on the child's behalf as well as promising to love and care for them – the child can then decide to take this further when they are older.

Baptism for an adult is about making a personal statement of faith in God and an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

We are always happy to discuss your needs and see what would be the most appropriate service for you.

A Baptism or Thanksgiving service is free.

Weddings

We offer a warm welcome to couples considering a church wedding and seeking God's blessing on their relationship.

There are many places offering wedding services today – so we would want to offer a personal opportunity for you to discuss your plans with our minister and to plan the service together.

Making a commitment such as marriage is a big step – so we usually will plan to have a number of meetings to get to know one another, discuss the service and its meaning, as well as making sure all your plans go as smoothly as possible.

We will provide you with a copy of the service and help with choices of hymns, music and bible readings suitable for your special day.

We can usually provide an organist to accompany your service and flower arrangements to suit your requirements; these will be discussed in the meetings.

There is a cost for Wedding Services and we will be happy to explain the different levels of charges depending on what you want in your service.