

*Funerals and Memorial Services  
in the*



**Barrow and Wolds Group**

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*“I am the resurrection and the life,’  
says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even  
though they die, will live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me will never die.’”*

*(John 11.25,26)*

## **Welcome.**

When someone dies, there's so much to think about and so much to organise. We understand how difficult this can be. The church is here to help and support you through this process and beyond and to help you say your final goodbye in a way that really helps.

The Church of England offers a very helpful website at [www.churchofenglandfunerals.org](http://www.churchofenglandfunerals.org) giving information and advice about funerals. The website guides you step by step through the funeral arrangements, shows you the options available for hymns, readings and other preferences you may have, and includes a service walk-through.

## **First steps to arranging a funeral.**

After the initial news of the death of someone you knew and loved, there are some important things that need to be done. These are two of the more immediate things:

### ***Register the death.***

- All deaths need to be registered with the registrar for births, deaths and marriages. This must be done within five days in England. For advice on how to do this visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or contact the local registration service on 0116 305 6565.

### ***Meet a Funeral Director.***

- If you're not yet sure which one to use, you can find one near to you on the National Association of Funeral Directors' website, or on the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF) website.

## **Funeral Directors (also known as undertakers).**

The funeral directors will give you guidance and options for the funeral and work with you to understand what type of funeral you would like. They will coordinate with the vicar and the cemetery or crematorium about the time and date of the service.

## **Burial or Cremation.**

One of the first questions they'll ask is whether you'd like a burial or a cremation. You might like to discuss this with other family members if you're not sure what the preference was of the person who died.

## **Funerals and Memorial Services.**

There are a number of choices of service, a Church Funeral service, a service at a local crematorium, or a Memorial Service. The church can also arrange a short service for internment of ashes after a cremation. More details of these can be found on the Church of England website. To discuss these options please speak with the vicar or your funeral director who would be pleased to advise you on the options.

## **What happens in the service?**

Each funeral can be as unique and special as the person you are remembering.

### ***Funerals usually include:***

- Words of welcome and opening prayers
- Hymns or music
- A Bible reading and other readings or poems
- A Tribute or Eulogy and a Sermon
- Prayers
- The Prayers of Commendation and Committal
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The minister taking the funeral will meet with you to discuss the options and make arrangements for the service. They will be able to advise you on readings and music and will be able to help with the tributes.

## **How much does it cost?**

There are fees for a church funeral. The funeral director will advise you on the costs involved. If you have concerns about meeting the cost of a funeral, please visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) 'get help with funeral costs'.

## **Cemeteries, Burial grounds and Crematoria.**

Funerals led by a minister authorized by the Church of England can take place in churches or at any of the places below.

### ***Cemeteries***

- Barrow
- Wymeswold
- Walton
- Loughborough

### ***Burial Grounds***

- Prestwold natural burial ground
- Burton on the Wolds burial ground

### ***Crematoria***

- Loughborough

## **Questions about death and dying.**

The subject of death is painful. If you would like to talk through some of the issues this time has raised for you, please contact us to arrange a conversation with one of our ministry team.

## **Remembering loved ones.**

### ***All Souls Service***

- The churches in the Barrow and Wolds group hold services of Remembering and Thanksgiving (or All Souls) in late October / early November. This is a quiet service; a time to remember and reflect on our loved ones who have died; to honour them by reading out their names and to remember them by lighting a candle. All those who have arranged a funeral through our churches over the past year will receive an invitation to attend this service. Everyone, however, at whatever stage of their bereavement, is welcome; some people come every year to grieve and honour their loved ones who have departed this life.

### ***Hold a Candle For Her***

- Each year on Mothering Sunday there is a special service at Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar, where a river of candles is lit to remember the special ladies in our lives including Mum's past and present to celebrate all they do for us. This can be a special opportunity to remember these loved ones.

### ***Christmas Tree Festival***

- Around the beginning of December, Holy Trinity Barrow-upon-Soar holds an annual Christmas Tree Festival. This is an opportunity to honour those who have died by placing their names on our 'memory trees'. If you would like to remember your loved one in this way, please fill in the contact form on our website or contact the office.

### ***Prayer***

- The churches commit to pray for those who have died and their families from the moment we hear of their passing away. You can also make a request for a name of someone to be prayed for in the Barrow and Wolds Group prayer circle. Please email [prayers@barrowandwoldsgroup.com](mailto:prayers@barrowandwoldsgroup.com). All information submitted to this email is only shared with the group that will be praying for you and is kept strictly confidential.

### ***Planning ahead.***

Many Funeral Directors offer pre-paid funeral plans and you can make funeral arrangements in advance. If you leave details of what you'd like included in your own funeral, it can make these choices so much easier for your family during an undoubtedly difficult time. By planning ahead, you'll have the comfort of knowing that your family and friends have a good idea of things that really matter to you. More details can be found on [www.churchofenglandfunerals.org](http://www.churchofenglandfunerals.org). If you would like to discuss making plans for your funeral with one of the ministry team please contact us.

## **Legacies.**

If you would like to arrange to leave a legacy for the church after you have passed away and would like to discuss this further please contact us.

## **Bereavement support.**

The vicar and our pastoral care team can offer a limited amount of support following bereavement's. Further counselling and support can be found through...

- Cruse Bereavement Care - [www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk)  
0808 808 1677
- New Horizons - Meeting first Monday of the month, 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Barrow-upon-Soar. For more information contact Kate Morley 01509 412982, or Pauline Ranson 01509 416928.

## **How do I book, what do I need to do next?**

Arrangements for booking a funeral are usually made through your Funeral Director.

If you want to make enquiries directly with the church, the easiest way is to fill in an enquiry form on our website:

- [www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com](http://www.barrowandwoldsgroup.com)

Under 'Life Events' click on Funerals and complete the Contact Form. Once we have received the enquiry we will be in contact with you.

## **Contact us.**

If you would like to ask any questions or talk to us about funerals, then you can get in touch with our administrator, Hannah:

- Email : [enquiries@barrowandwoldsgroup.com](mailto:enquiries@barrowandwoldsgroup.com)
- Tel: 01509 416520

or the priest in charge, Rev'd Clive Watts:

- Email: [rev.clive.watts@barrowandwoldsgroup.com](mailto:rev.clive.watts@barrowandwoldsgroup.com)
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