

# St George's Anglican Church, Paris

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## Last Wishes & Funeral Directions

We can effectively express our care for those we love by leaving clear instructions about how we want our funeral to happen. Singing the hymns you've chosen, listening to your favourite bible passage (in the version you want), can bring enormous consolation.

The clergy will be very happy to talk through your funeral to ensure they understand your preferences.

### Personal Details

Your full name: .....

Your current address: .....

Your date of birth: .....

Your executor: .....

Their address: .....

Their telephone: .....

Their email: .....

Their relation to you: .....

Your Funeral Director: .....

Contact Details: .....

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### Last Wishes

There are all sorts of shapes of a funeral. Here are some choices

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| <b>A</b> | Reception of the Body & Requiem<br>Funeral Service<br>Dernier Adieu/or not<br>Reception in the Parish Hall<br>Interment/Cremation | <b>B</b> | Reception of the Body<br>Requiem Mass (Eucharist/Holy Communion)<br>Dernier Adieu/or not<br>Reception in the Parish Hall<br>Interment/Cremation |
| <b>C</b> | Order for the Burial of the Dead (BCP)<br>Dernier Adieu/or not<br>Reception in the Parish Hall<br>Interment/Cremation             | <b>D</b> | Funeral Service (Common Worship)<br>Dernier Adieu/or not<br>Reception in the Parish Hall<br>Interment/Cremation                                 |
| <b>E</b> | A Memorial Service follows a funeral  |          |   |

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## Language

What sort of English would you like used in the liturgies?

Traditional

Modern

## Reception of the Body into church

Do you want your coffin to be brought into church the night before the funeral? There is a short service that can have your choice of music and hymns.

Yes

No

## For the funeral itself

The Book of Common Prayer has a very short service that doesn't mention your name. The Funeral Service is in modern language and has a bible reading, prayers and a *Dernier Adieu*. We recommend the modern Funeral Service but the choice is yours.

Yes

No

A Requiem Eucharist is the prayer of the Church and brings great consolation – being able to receive Holy Communion is a great gift at a time of sorrow and confusion. Do you want a Requiem Eucharist?

Yes

No

## Choice of Music

You can indicate the sort of music you would like, circumstances permitting, at your funeral; an indication of your preferred hymns is often really helpful to family and friends.

**Music:**

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**Please note:** If you want a choir to sing at your funeral you will need to ensure your executor can pay for the music. In 2023 a singer costs 75€ and an organist 150€.

**Bible Readings**

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## Reception in the Parish Hall

If you would like a reception to follow the service how would you like your Executor to organise the event? Have you left instructions for champagne or wine, traiteur or Picard, etc.?

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## Notes:



**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Priest:**

## Bible Suggestions

### Revelation 21.1-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

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## John 6.35-40

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

## John 11.17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

## John 14.1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: '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? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

### More suggestions:

2 Samuel 1.17,23-end	<i>David's lament for Saul and Jonathan</i>
2 Samuel 12.16-23	<i>David's son dies</i>
Job 19.23-27	<i>I know that my Redeemer lives</i>
Isaiah 61.1-3	<i>To comfort all who mourn</i>
Lamentations 3.22-26,31-33	<i>The love of the Lord never ceases</i>
Wisdom 2.22 – 3.5,9	<i>The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God</i>
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### Or from the New Testament :

Mark 10.13-16	<i>Let the little children come to me</i>
Luke 24.1-9[10-11]	<i>The Resurrection</i>
John 5.[19-20]21-29	<i>Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life</i>
John 6.35-40[53-58]	<i>All that the Father gives me will come to me</i>
John 11.17-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
John 14.1-6	<i>In my Father's house are many rooms</i>
John 20.1-11	<i>The Resurrection of Christ</i>
Romans 6.3-8[9-11]	<i>All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death</i>
Romans 8.18-25[26-30]	<i>The future glory</i>
Romans 8.31-end	<i>Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ</i>
Romans 14.7-12	<i>Christ the Lord of the living and the dead</i>
I Corinthians 15.1-26,35-38,42-44a,53-end	<i>The resurrection of the dead</i>
I Corinthians 15.20-end	<i>The resurrection of the dead</i>
Ephesians 3.14-19[20-21]	<i>The power to understand Christ's love</i>
I Thessalonians 4.13-18	<i>So we shall always be with the Lord</i>
Revelation 21.1-7	<i>Behold I make all things new</i>
Revelation 21.22-end; 22.3b-5	<i>The Lord God will be their light</i>

**Psalms** are the songs that Jesus himself sang, perhaps at St Joseph's funeral. You might like to choose your own: Psalm 6, Psalm 23, Psalm 25, Psalm 27, Psalm 32, Psalm 38.9-end, Psalm 42, Psalm 90, Psalm 116, Psalm 118.4-end, Psalm 121, Psalm 130 here or Psalm 139