**Planning the Funeral Service Itself**

Please use this sheet to fill in what choices you wish to make. You may wish to make decisions about all these things yourself, or you may wish to leave some choice for the family – sometimes the family having some choice and needing to make decisions can be helpful to them as part of the grieving process, but others may just be relieved you have made all the decisions and your wishes are clearly known. Talk to them if you can about these things.

**Music**

**Music for Coming In**: at St John’s this needs to either be played on the organ by our organist or from a CD provided by the family. Usually the coffin is brought into the church to this music, but some choose to have the coffin in place already. The music may be classical or a favourite piece of music of any kind, a song and so on.

Piece of music and composer / songwriter

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**Music for Going Out**: As above. The coffin is usually carried out during this piece of music.

Piece of music and composer / songwriter

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**Piece of Music for a Time of Reflection**: Sometimes the family wish another piece of music to be played in the middle of the service for a time of reflection. At St John’s we cannot offer any photos or pictures to this, but at the crematoriums you can put photos together to be played to accompany the music. This is not a usual part of a traditional church service, but is of course possible.

Piece of music and composer / songwriter

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**Hymns**

Normally 2 hymns, or sometimes 3, are sung at a church funeral. A list of hymns is very appropriate for funeral services is attached to this pack. You can have any hymns you wish for of course. If there is a hymn sung to different tunes, it is good to specify the tune if that is important to you. You can google them to listen to them on YouTube and find out the name of the tune.

**Hymn Title or First Line and Tune**

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**Scripture Reading**

At any funeral conducted by a Church of England member of clergy, there has to be a reading from The Bible, usually from the New Testament. It is also possible to have two readings, which means you can also have one from the Old Testament. While one is usual, two is entirely possible. You may have a favourite reading you know you want, but a selection of appropriate readings are attached at the end of this pack.

**Scripture Reading**

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**Other Readings**

You may also wish to have a secular reading in addition to the Bible reading, a poem or favourite piece. Many choose not to, but if there is something you would like, it is also worth making your wishes known about this.

**Additional Reading**

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**Tributes**

Some people can be shy of wanting to much said about them at a funeral, but writing and hearing the tribute at a funeral is an important way of remembering and celebrating the person’s life, and is very helpful in the grieving process. Unless you want to discuss with family and friends who might like to write or give the tribute (and often the family write it, but the clergy deliver it on their behalf) we suggest you let the family make these decisions.

**Refreshments**

You may wish to put down where you would like a funeral tea to be held after the service – do bear in mind sometimes this has to be moved due to availability and joining up the service venue and the funeral tea venue.

**Other Choices to Specify**

Anything else you wish, not covered in this form?

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Do you have a funeral directors you wish to use or a pre-paid funeral plan with one?

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Burial or Cremation

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Preferred Burial site or Burial of Ashes site

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Location of service – whole service at church, service at church with committal following it at a crematorium, or whole service at a crematorium?

Remember to specify which church or crematorium i.e. St John’s.

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Would you like a member of clergy to take the service? Specify St John’s if they are preferably to be from St John’s.

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***You may wish to discuss putting a funeral plan together with a member of clergy – we are always available to do that, should that be helpful.***

**What Do I Do With the Funeral Plan Once it is Complete?**

Please hand a copy to the vicar and it will be securely stored in our funeral plans folder in the church office.

Please also hand a copy to your funeral director if you have chosen one.

Please also hand a copy to your family or friends who may be organizing your service, so they know of your wishes in advance if at all possible, and have access to it.

Many also keep a copy with their Will, and ensure their family know where both are.