

Music for Funerals and Memorial Services

We find that people differ greatly in how they wish the mood of this music to be. Some like the music to be joyful, celebrating the life of their loved one. Others prefer a more peaceful, serene mood. Many people choose pieces that enhance a variety of moods. Please do talk to the organist so that she/he can establish exactly how you would like the music to be, and which pieces you would especially like to hear.

Some people choose to play a CD at some point during the service; please bear in mind that the musician playing for the service may well be able to play the chosen item live on the organ/piano, giving you music that is of the moment.

Sadly the Choir cannot be available for funerals. There is a possibility that we could hire a solo singer for you, but this may not always be feasible at short notice.

People have found the following music helpful in the past, but of course the organist will wish to play anything at all you that would like and is possible with our resources.

Before and during the service

Jesu, joy of man's desiring - Bach
Sanctify us by thy goodness – Bach
Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' – Vaughan Williams
Chanson de matin – Elgar
Nimrod - Elgar
Slow movements from trio sonatas – Bach
Largo from 'Xerxes' – Handel
I know that my redeemer liveth - Handel
Ich ruf zu dir – Bach
Prelude 'Sine nomine' – Howells
Pie Jesu - Faure

For a strong, confident and thankful ending

Now thank we all our God – Karg-Elert
central section of Fantasia in G – Bach
Prelude in C, BWV547 – Bach