

A funeral marks the close of a human life on earth. It is the opportunity for friends and family to celebrate the life of a loved one, to give thanks for the life which has now completed its journey in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. It is also an opportunity to hear words of reassurance reminding us that we remain in the hands of a loving God who will support us through our grief.

After the funeral you may have further questions about how best to remember your loved one. This guide outlines some of the ways in which St James's Church can support you during this difficult time.

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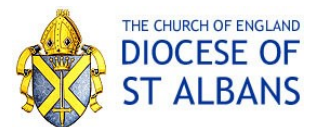
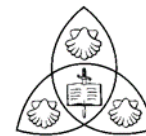
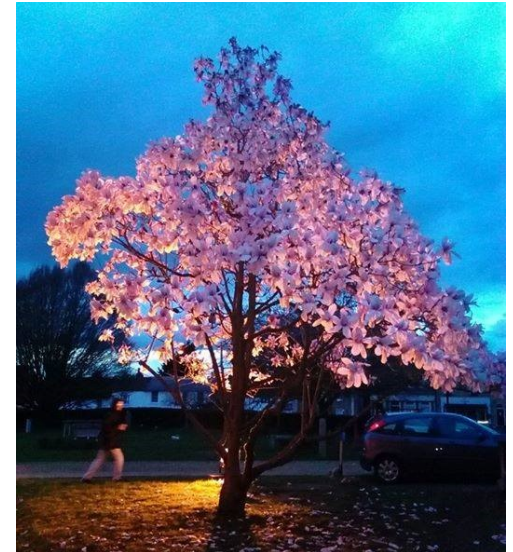
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In Memoriam

Remembering your loved one at
St James's Church



Burying Ashes

Our peaceful Garden of Remembrance at the side of St James's Church is available for the interment of ashes. Each interment takes place individually with the ashes dispersed into the ground into unmarked plots.

To maintain its tranquility, it is intended that the garden should be as natural and unencumbered as possible, however bulbs are allowed to be buried to mark the site of the ashes.

Alternatively, if your family has an existing grave in St James's Church-yard, it may be possible to arrange for the ashes of your loved one to be buried there. The Parish Office can further advise on this.

Memorial Wall

Alongside the Garden of Remembrance, our Memorial Wall allows a permanent way of marking the burial of ashes of a loved one. Anyone whose ashes are buried either in the churchyard or Garden of Remembrance can have their name engraved on the Memorial Wall.

Service of Commemoration

On the first Sunday of November, we hold a service of commemoration where those whose funerals have taken place in the previous twelve months are remembered by name. You will receive details from us about this service and we hope you will want to attend.

Wake or reception

The hall in Church House may be available to use for a wake or reception after a funeral or burial of ashes—giving you an opportunity to remember your loved one in a less formal setting. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Prayers and readings

Father, we commend to your faithful love
those who are crying from the depths;
help them to watch and pray
through their time of darkness,
in sure and certain hope of the dawn of your
forgiveness and redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

Lord, in all times of fear and dread,
grant that we may so cast our burdens upon you,
that you may bear us on the holy wings of the Spirit
to the stronghold of your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

More information

Our Parish Office is able to assist and advise you on any of these matters. For more information, or if you need to speak to a Priest to arrange a funeral, please contact the office on

Telephone: 020 8421 8192

Email: office@busheyparish.org

Or visiting us: Church House
High Street
Bushey, WD23 1BD

Book of Remembrance

Our Book of Remembrance is located in the Lady Chapel (left-hand side of the church as you walk in) and is opened at the page marking today's date. It provides you with a way of writing a lasting tribute to your loved one. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



Support after the funeral

People who have lost someone close to them are often so busy with practical details and arrangements between the death and the funeral that they do not experience the full sense of their loss until later. Grieving is a natural and important part of coming to terms with and healing this loss and it may continue for longer than you expect. As your local church we are there to help with support after a funeral. If you would like to speak to one of the clergy or ministers, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.