

## Funerals and Thanksgivings

Our clergy are always willing to discuss taking a **Funeral/ Thanksgiving** for your departed loved one; either in church, or wherever you want it to be, and will aim to “meet you where you are”.

The service/ ceremony can be **soon after death**, or perhaps a **Thanksgiving** a bit later (or on an anniversary or another poignant date)

Our two churches offer contrasting settings: Christ Church has a central aisle, pews, and beautiful stained glass windows; Trinity, with its lay out “in the round” and its bright interior, is also a beautiful setting for whatever type of funeral/ thanksgiving you are looking for.

The clergy will always start with **what sort of service you are looking for** or perhaps more simply: **What would you like included?**

Most funerals include some form of **personal recollection** of the person who has died – either by a friend or member of the family – or in a tribute written by the clergy, based on memories shared with them.

A funeral can be completely “**non-religious**” (with music, poems, readings, tributes....and perhaps candle-lighting or other use of symbols) or it can include **religious elements** (Bible reading, prayers and hymns) but also include “secular music” and readings, etc; or it can be a more **traditional-type** Christian funeral service. Holy Trinity also hosts **Requiem Masses**, where the funeral includes Holy Communion, and the use of incense and Holy Water.....