

Can a funeral be a celebration?

Yes - it can. We know sometimes a death can be very sudden, very tragic and very difficult to bear. But we also feel wherever it is possible, the funeral service should try to celebrate all that has been good in life.

Christians believe there is hope even in the midst of the most trying adversity.

Perhaps say this prayer over the next days and weeks as you prepare for this service.

Dear God

We thank you for our lives, for the lives of our families and for our friends. In this time of adversity please help us to feel hope in your presence day by day .

We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Main service times

Shrewsbury Abbey

Sunday 10.00am and 3.00pm

Thursday 12.00 noon

St. Peter's

Sunday 10.30am

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How do I arrange a Funeral?

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Preparing for a Funeral

You may be reading this in the Church or at one of Shrewsbury's Funeral Directors. If someone you love and care for has died, please accept our condolences at this time.

First things first

Have a look at our main Web Page and click on the word Funeral.

<http://www.shrewsburyabbey.com>

Unless we already know you through previous contact, your first 'port of call' is most likely to be with a local Funeral Director.

We suggest you choose who you would like to do this task for you and then let them contact us at the Abbey Office to sort out the question of times and availability for the Funeral Service.

What will we promise to you

We will explain very clearly the Christian understanding of the Funeral Service and we will look at what it means to be part of the Christian family of God at really difficult times in our lives.

We will do our best to make you feel welcomed and to answer any questions you have of us.

We will try to get to know you so the Funeral Service will feel personal.

We will help you plan the Funeral Service and we will offer you help should you wish to take part in or contribute to the service itself.

We will advise you on how to put together a Service sheet.

We will give you the opportunity to find out more about Jesus and the Christian life.

We will do this all—gently, with dignity and with a smile!

What will we ask of you

We will ask you to take the time to think about your contribution to the content of the Funeral Service.

We will ask you to tell us if there are any family 'upsets' so we can be aware of these.

We will ask to visit you if you live in the Shrewsbury area and we will ask you to invite anyone to that meeting who should really be there. If you live at a distance we will take the time for any phone calls to be unhurried.

We will ask you to think of readings, music, poetry or simply stories that will help us get a better understanding .

It often helps to see a photograph - this reminds us the name is really a person. If they are rather old it is often interesting to see them both recently and when they were younger.