

Nicola's funeral will take place on Thursday 15th January at:

St Paul's Church, Blandford Road, St Albans, AL1 4JP

For those who are unable to attend in person, we are working to set up a live-streaming service. Please click [here](#) if you would like to receive details about this once they are available (even if you have previously said as much!).

For those who are able to attend in person, the church will be open from 11.00 am onwards, with the service starting at 11.30 am. This will be a Christian service led by our friend the Revd Becky Leach. We hope that those of you who are not normally comfortable with expressions of faith can none-the-less view the prayer and hymn within this service as opportunities to express your love for Nicola. On the basis that familiarity with the hymn may help everyone to feel confident about joining in, you can listen to it beforehand here.

The service will end at approximately 12.45 pm, and will be followed by a commemorative gathering within the church hall. This will feature a "bring and share" finger food buffet, which we would welcome small contributions to. These can be handed in at the kitchen counter on the way into the service. If you are preparing any food yourself, please will you attach a label stating what it is, and whether it contains gluten, nut or lactose ingredients. Similarly, if your contribution is vegetarian or vegan, please indicate this clearly. Drinks will also be on offer. As well as taking the opportunity to talk and share stories with one another, you may also wish to look at the photos which will be on display, and to leave a comment in the book of condolences.

This gathering will have come to an end by 3.00 pm.

For those of you who are travelling by car, we recommend that you park in the car park at Victoria Square (AL1 3TF), or at the bottom of Station Way (Charrington Place, AL1 5HE).

Both of these ticketed car parks are a 10-15 minute walk from the Church. There is a small amount of disabled parking available close to the church – please contact Ben if you would like more details.

There are no expectations regarding dress: please wear whatever you feel is most appropriate.

We respectfully suggest that rather than bringing flowers to the funeral, you instead consider making a donation to the Rennie Grove Peace Hospice, where Nicola was so well looked after in her final days. Details of how to do this will be contained within the Order of Service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic team of family and friends who have helped to organise the funeral, and who will help to keep everything running smoothly on the day.

I would also like to thank the many, many people who have expressed such love and support for the family, and for one another, during recent weeks.