

AFTER A FUNERAL



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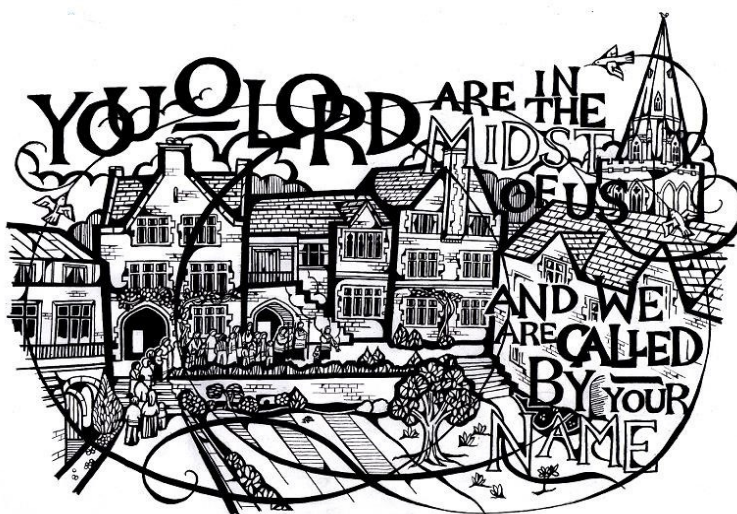
Introduction:

The days and weeks following a funeral can be some of the most difficult times in bereavement. Each one of us will grieve the loss of a loved one differently and to a different timescale. The grieving process does not run to a set programme. Before a funeral, there are a lot of practical things that need to be sorted out; and lots of people are getting in touch. But afterwards, there is a quieter time, when there is more time for thinking, and maybe you feel a bit alone.

I and the church community would like to assure you that you are not forgotten at this time. We will continue to pray for the soul of your loved one, and for you and your family. The church community is there to support you, if you wish it. My contact details and those of a Churchwarden for each parish can be found on the last page of this booklet.

The purpose of this booklet is to give some information about practical matters, and also make you aware of community events that you might like to come along to.

With my thoughts and prayers,



Some prayers:

Jesus gives us the following reassurance that there is a place for all of us in heaven:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14.1-3

We should not be afraid to share our grief and doubts and anger with God, knowing that he loves us and listens to us. Here are three prayers that you might find helpful:

*Gracious God, enable us to listen lovingly for your Word. May we console each other with the message you proclaim, so finding light in darkness and faith in the midst of doubt; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.***

*Risen Jesus, you are there close beside each person, you descend to where we are. And you take upon yourself all that hurts us, both in ourselves and in others. You accompany every human being. More than that, you visit even those who, as non-believers, have died without having been able to know you. And so, in our inner struggle, the contemplation of your forgiveness gives rise to a radiant goodness in the humble heart that allows itself to be led by your Spirit. **Amen.***

We are not able to keep all our church buildings open, for security reasons, but Braceby, Humby Chapel, Ingoldsby, Ropsley and Sapperton churches are open on weekdays, and have places set aside for quiet prayer. If you would like to visit one of the other churches, please contact one of the churchwardens of that church, and they will be only too willing to help.

Coffee & Fellowship:

Coffee at Ingoldsby:

Ingoldsby Church hosts a coffee morning once a month on a Wednesday at 10 am. Find the dates online at www.achurchnearyou Ingoldsby Village Hall hosts coffee mornings on alternate Tuesdays at 10 am. These are friendly occasions, offering a chance for a chat, and to make new friends.

Coffee at Lenton:

Lenton Church hosts a coffee morning on the first Saturday of each month. Come along for chat, company, cake, coffee. Book and video exchange.

Prayers for the Sick at Ropsley:

On the first Wednesday of each month, at 10 am there is a short, reflective act of worship in Ropsley church, when we pray for those who are sick, those who have died, and those for whom we are concerned. Everyone is welcome to bring names of those for whom prayers are needed.

Boothby Pagnell Social Club:

The social club meets at Boothby Pagnell Village Hall on a Friday and Saturday from 8 – 11 pm and new members are always welcome. There are many other events as well. Visit the village website <http://www.boothby.org.uk> for more details.

Morning and Evening Prayer around the Parishes:

Monday	10.00	Sapperton	Morning Prayer
	17.00	*Humby	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	10.00	Ropsley	Morning Prayer
	17.00	Old Somerby	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10.00	Ingoldsby	Morning Prayer
	17.00	*Braceby	Evening Prayer
Friday	17.00	Lenton	Evening Prayer
Saturday	17.00	Boothby Pagnell	Evening Prayer

*During the winter, when the clocks have changed, these services take place at the Rectory.

You are very welcome to join in these times of prayer.

Visits and home communions:

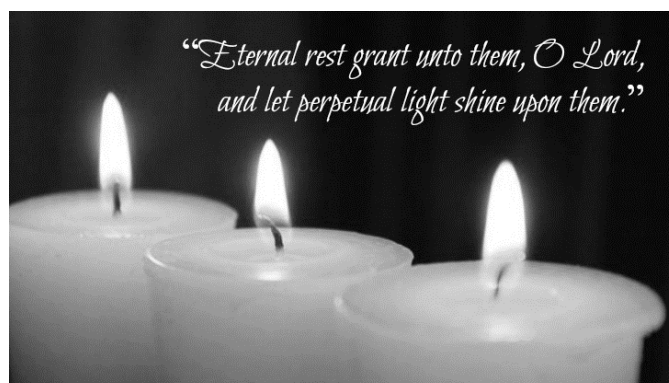
The Parish Priest and members of the Ministry Team are available to visit you at home if you would like to have a conversation about something that is troubling you, or you would like someone to pray with you. If you would like a visit, please contact the Parish Priest or your parish contact, whose details can be found on the final page of this booklet.

If you are unable to attend church, and would like to receive holy communion, please let us know, and we would be happy to bring you communion at home.

The All Souls Memorial Service:

All Souls Day, 2nd November, is the day on which the church has traditionally remembered those who have gone before us into the light and joy of heaven.

A special Memorial Service is held in early November, each year. The service includes the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died, and for them to be prayed for by name. The families of those whose funerals have taken place in the group of parishes during the previous year receive an invitation to this service. However, anyone can attend the service and add the name of loved ones to the list for prayer, so you can continue to remember loved ones in this way year by year, if you wish.



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