

A BEREAVEMENT CHECKLIST

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NAME [NB by which known]:

Date & place of birth:

Date of death:

Date of funeral:

Burial or cremation?

Church service required:

Undertaker to provide list of mourners?

Committal or funeral service first?

If committal first, then refreshments at church?

Order of service

Chief mourners follow coffin, or seated first?

Normal pattern:

Any favourite hymns? [Wedding hymn?]

Any favourite Scripture? [A marked Bible?]

Any special music or other requirements?

Printed order of service? [to be agreed with minister!]

Choice of organist?

Where committal at crematorium separate from service:

Hymn?

Other music?

Organist? [Fees for organist]

Flowers:

Family flowers only?

Flowers to be provided at church?

Donations in memory of loved one?

Church connection?

Date & place of baptism?

Offices held in this or another church?

Family & friends

Date & place of marriage?

How long married?

Name of spouse?

Children?

Names of other relatives/ in-laws / Names of friends / neighbours
or of district nurse / carer that next-of-kin want to pray for?

Who will be there?

Who can't be there?

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Where did X grow up?

Occupation:

Interests & achievements:

Any 'interests' represented at funeral [e.g. Bowls Club]?

We first met

When I think of X I think of...

I am grateful to X above all for...

What single word might sum up the life of X?

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MINISTRY FOR IMAGING A NEW WORLD

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Introduction⁴⁹

Twenty five years ago at Petertide (June 29) in Lincoln Cathedral, Michael Ramsey, expounding the invitation in the first letter of Peter to let ourselves become living stones, noted how Christianity can itself appear to be identified with its chancels and naves and organs and pews and hassocks. "What is the Church?" he asked and looking 'into the future pondered whether our generation

⁴⁹ This article is a revision of the 1997 Petertide clergy lecture in Lincoln Cathedral.