

# FUNERALS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

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WESTHAMPNETT  
Registered Charity No: 1191476

## INFORMATION SHEET

Whether sudden or expected, the death of a loved one can leave you with an overwhelming sense of loss and despair. We are here to support you in practical, emotional and spiritual ways. The first step is to contact one of the several local Funeral Directors who can make the initial arrangements with the church. If your loved one lived in the parish of St Peter's, they are entitled to have a funeral service in the church and to be buried or to have their ashes interred in our parish churchyard, regardless of whether they attended church or not.

We are happy to help in whatever way we can. Please contact **The Revd Rachel Hawes, the Associate Rector** (m: 07768875590, email: [rachel.hawes@outlook.com](mailto:rachel.hawes@outlook.com) ).

Below are the answers to some practical questions that people often ask us about the cost of a funeral:

### 1. Information online

The Church of England website is a useful source of information:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals>

### 2. Statutory Fees

The fees for a funeral are set centrally by the Church of England and are the same for every church. They are revised annually. You can find a link to the current fees on our website.

### 3. Order of Service

We can help you prepare an Order of Service for the funeral and can also arrange printing for you if you wish.

### 4. Music

We can book an organist to play at the funeral service and help you with suggestions for hymns, organ music before and after the service. Their fee is £100. Alternatively, if you have a friend or relative who you would like to perform, this can usually also be accommodated.

### 5. Verger

Our verger, Ann Kent, will attend the service and assist with distribution of Service Orders, seating, parking etc. Her fee is £50.

### 6. Heating

There may be a small charge of £20 to cover the cost of heating the church from October to March inclusive.

Please do contact me if I can help in any way.

**Rachel**

**THE REVD RACHEL HAWES (Associate Rector)**