

## **Ethos**

At St Mary's we have many years' experience conducting funerals, both cremations and burials. We know that some families simply want the minister to 'do a normal service'; others, however, want to be more involved in the planning and delivering of what takes place. We are very happy to take either approach and are keen to work with families when they want greater involvement and will discuss any choice of music or verse, religious or secular.

## **A religious service?**

If a family want a hymn or the Lord's Prayer, the service is by definition a 'Christian' service and should be conducted by a Christian minister.

A service conducted by a minister from St Mary's will normally also include prayers for the family and a prayer for the person who has died. Other content requested by families, including the use of popular music, poetry and family eulogies will always be welcomed.

## **Follow-up**

We are fully aware that people do not want to be endlessly pursued after a funeral but we do offer a telephone service where a volunteer will ring once after the service to hear any concerns and advise families where they can access professional bereavement services.

We also hold an annual **Service of Memory** for all those who have had a funeral with us over the previous two years.

## **Availability**

There are three ministers at St Mary's and so we should always be available to take a service at any time at any of the local crematoria. We would normally conduct services for those who live within the parish but have a lot of experience covering for colleagues and working with families across the city and beyond.

All ministers at St Mary's are DBS covered and come under the discipline of the Diocese of Birmingham.

## **Contacts**

You can reach any of the ministers on the following numbers:

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## **Fees 2021**

For a service at the crematorium there is a flat fee of **£199**.

For a service at the church please contact Hazel, Jayne or David.