

A prayer

God, in the darkness of my loss I come to you; I cannot believe what has happened and yet I know it is true; sorrow and anxiety fill my life, and it's hard to find rest. So I come to you Lord Jesus, I bring to you the burden in my heart - it is too heavy for me; please take the weight and bear it with me, Lord, and give me your peace.

Amen



Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38-39



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Remembering loved ones

Are you recently bereaved? Have you been affected by the Covid-19 restrictions?

Talk to us. We can help.

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If someone you love has recently died, this may be an exceptionally difficult time for you.

Restrictions on funerals may not allow you to hold a funeral in the way you would have wanted, but the Church of England can still help you to remember the loved one you've lost.

When planning a funeral, remember that anyone is entitled to a service led by a Church of England vicar. And when this time of social distancing is over, there may also be an opportunity to all meet together at a special time of remembrance and thankfulness.

Your memories now can be part of that experience when the time comes.

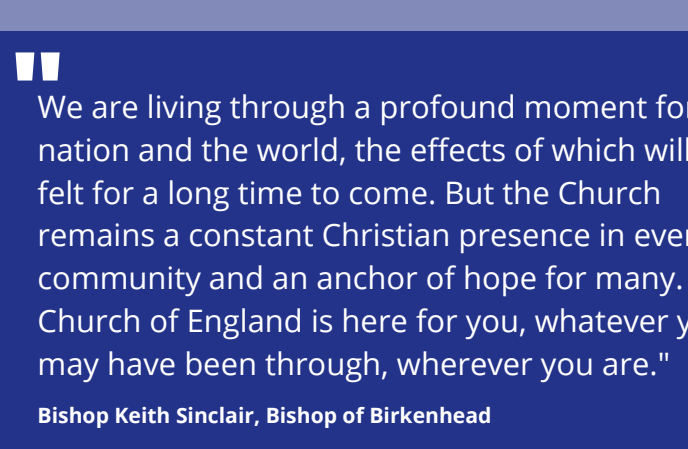
Talk to your local vicar if you would like:

- **To arrange a Church of England funeral;**
- **To plan a future memorial service;**
- **To discuss attending a remembrance service; or**
- **To just have someone to listen to your story.**



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Everyone is welcome to arrange a Church of England funeral, or to plan a future memorial service at a time when we can meet again. Perhaps more importantly, vicars are there if you just want someone to listen to your story and the memories of the loved one you've lost.
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The Revd Jane Proudfoot, Vicar of Grappenhall, Cheshire



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We are living through a profound moment for our nation and the world, the effects of which will be felt for a long time to come. But the Church remains a constant Christian presence in every community and an anchor of hope for many. The Church of England is here for you, whatever you may have been through, wherever you are.”

Bishop Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead