Funerals
at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

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Funerals

When someone dies, we can help you to say your final goodbye in a way that is meaningful. There’s a lot to organise and we understand how difficult this time can be, but we’re here to help.

There are a few different ways to say goodbye; a funeral, a thanksgiving service or the burial of ashes. We can hold a service in the Cathedral, or a member of our clergy can travel elsewhere.

It’s important that you have the service you and your loved ones want. We’ll work with you to ensure that you have a service as unique as the person whose life you’re celebrating.

Anyone can have a funeral at the Cathedral.
What to expect

If you’d like to explore having a funeral at the Cathedral or would like to speak to us about a member of the clergy leading a service elsewhere, please email our team for more information at funerals@stedscathedral.org.

When you’re ready, we’ll settle on a date that is mutually convenient for you, the family, us at the Cathedral and the funeral directors or crematorium if applicable.

You’ll then decide whether the funeral directors or us here at the Cathedral will produce the service booklet. If we create this for you, we’ll ask you to supply texts, photographs and other content and will organise printing for you.

We’ll also speak to you about what music you’d like and whether you require musicians or an organist.

Prices

Prices vary but start from:

- Funeral in Lady Chapel: £484
- Funeral in Quire: £774
- Funeral in Nave: £1089
- Cathedral clergy to lead service elsewhere: £206
- Interment of Ashes: £150

All these prices include an organist and a basic service order.
Types of service

There are a variety of services you can have to say goodbye to a loved one.

A funeral
This is a service where the coffin is present and following the service it will be taken for either burial or cremation.

Thanksgiving or Memorial
This is a celebration of life following (not necessarily straight after) a burial or cremation. Thanksgivings or memorials can happen any time afterwards and are an opportunity to give thanks for life.

Scattering of ashes
We have a beautiful Garden of Remembrance at the Cathedral. If your loved one has been cremated, we can hold a service for the burial of their ashes.

An entry in the Cathedral’s Book of Remembrance by a professional calligrapher is included in the fee for an interment.