



**Remembering:
A future concern
Welcome to this webinar**

11.30 – 12.30 pm Thursday 14th May 2020
with Canon Sandra Millar Head of Life Events

New and familiar ministry:

- ▣ Confidence
- ▣ The journey to remembering

- ▣ When?

- ▣ If... ?



What we will cover:

- ▣ Language
- ▣ Purpose
- ▣ Frameworks
- ▣ Resources
- ▣ Questions

*Please type questions in at
any time during the webinar*



Language:

- ▣ Funerals
- ▣ Bereavement
- ▣ Remembering
- ▣ Remembrance
- ▣ Memorial[s]

What might be different now?



Purpose: what is a funeral for?

- ▣ To dispose of remains
- ▣ To say goodbye
- ▣ To mark the grieving process *“you let go”*
- ▣ To celebrate/give thanks for a life
- ▣ To comfort the bereaved
- ▣ To give hope for the future
- ▣ Thinking [a bit] about life after death



Purpose: a Christian funeral?

- ▣ To commend the person to the loving mercy of God
- ▣ To reflect on the Gospel
- ▣ To remember our own mortality



Purpose: remembering

- ▣ The part of a funeral that didn't happen
- ▣ Marking the significance of an event
- ▣ Giving thanks or celebrating
- ▣ Mourning and remembering
- ▣ Prayer and blessing
- ▣ Finding comfort and hope



Frameworks

- ▣ National
 - ▣ Communal
 - ▣ Personal
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- ▣ Timescale
 - ▣ Individuals are multiply remembered



Frameworks: national

- ▣ Large scale and public
- ▣ Truly national and also regional
- ▣ Balancing grief and gratitude
- ▣ Single issue
- ▣ Single time and place?
- ▣ Less personal



Frameworks: communal

- ▣ Parish churches
- ▣ National pattern/local story
- ▣ Local partnerships
- ▣ Represents the local experience
- ▣ Single 'civic' event and time
- ▣ Annual 'All Souls' service
- ▣ Frequent events: special times



Frameworks: personal

- ▣ “Memorial” services
- ▣ Remembering services
 - “Pray, celebrate, remember”
- ▣ Burial of ashes
- ▣ Remembering spaces – physical
digital



Response:

Being relational – build contact

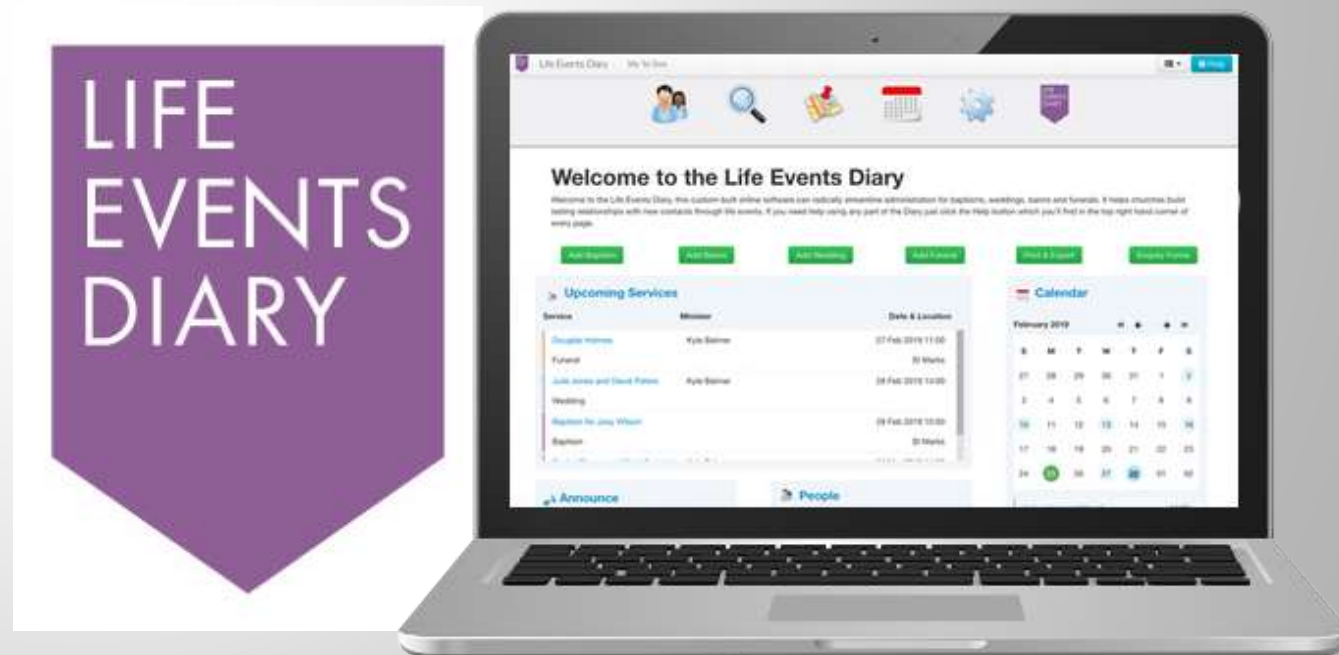
Being intentional – special dates

Being invitational – keep in touch



Resources:

- Life Events Diary [LED]
- Free
- On-line contacts
- Admin
- Support
- Webinars
- www.lifeeventsdiary.org



Resources:

- ▣ Invitations
- ▣ Cards
- ▣ Liturgies
- ▣ Creative ideas



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- Insights
- Ideas
- Downloads

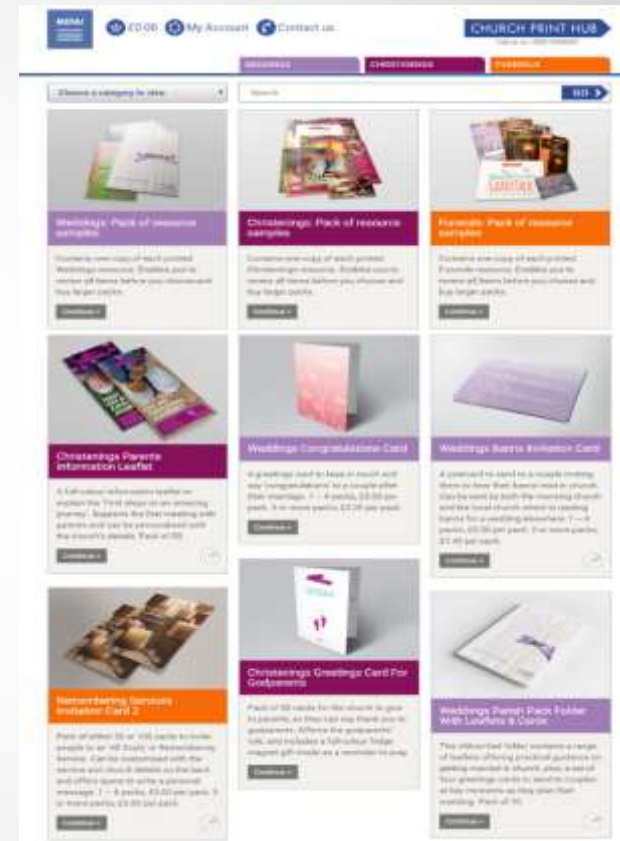
The screenshot shows the 'Church Support Hub' website for 'FUNERALS'. The page features a teal header with a hamburger menu icon and the text 'CHURCH SUPPORT HUB'. Below the header is a main section titled 'FUNERALS' with a teal background and a photograph of a hand resting on a wooden casket. The text in this section reads: 'The Church of England is still the country's biggest provider of funerals. But things are changing, with more choices on offer than ever before. These changes present new opportunities to meet needs and share the good news of hope in Jesus Christ at one of life's most difficult moments. This section includes the latest research, thinking, resources to help of every step, notes to share ideas and the latest news and updates from the funerals industry.'

The page is divided into several sections:

- EXPLORE THE THINKING:** A section with a photograph of a hearse and a lightbulb icon. The text reads: 'The Church of England is involved with well over 2000 funerals every week, bringing us into contact with around a quarter of a million people. Discover what the Church of England research has discovered about exploring bereavement, how we are engaging a funeral, working with the Funeral Director, and ways to discuss death and dying.' Below the text is a 'More >' button.
- IDEAS:** A section with a lightbulb icon. The text reads: 'This an idea worth really well in our parish? Could it be a really useful worksheet? Share it here for your colleague to see. Browse previous suggestions that have worked or other services, or search for something specific.' Below the text is a 'More >' button.
- POPULAR DOWNLOADS:** A list of six items, each with a 'View >' button:
 1. Key messages from the National research
 2. Message: Children - Bereavement in Funerals
 3. Good Job Worksheet
 4. Guide for Death & Bereavement - Funerals
 5. Bereavement Support
 6. Bereavement Support 2012
- POPULAR QUESTIONS:** A list of four items, each with a 'View >' button:
 1. Can clergy members visit a bereaved person in a bereavement support group, or a bereavement support group, when they are bereaved?
 2. Can a bereaved person be a member of a bereavement support group?
 3. Can I have a Council of England funeral in a bereavement support group?
 4. How is the Church of England bereavement support group?
- ARTICLES:** A section with a stack of books icon. The text reads: 'Discover what others are thinking and seeing about death, dying and bereavement, and find out how to support your own thoughts.' Below the text is a 'More >' button.
- DOWNLOADS:** A section with a download icon. The text reads: 'Download ready-to-use documents, including the latest information on funeral fees, notes for bereavement support, and a range of good practice tips.' Below the text is a 'More >' button.

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Remembering: a future concern

- ▣ Language – communicate clearly
- ▣ Purpose – reflect
- ▣ Frameworks – know the needs
- ▣ Response – be ready
- ▣ Resources – be aware

