



Grief is different for everyone, and there is no right or wrong way to feel. Take your time. Be kind to yourself and lean on those around you. You are not alone.

I will walk alongside you through this process. I am here for you.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns or if you have any questions

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**A Guide to
Celebrant-Led Funerals**

*Grief is love that has
nowhere to go. To feel such grief
is to have known true love.*

My Commitment to You

Planning a funeral for someone you love can be one of the hardest things you face. Alongside your grief, there are often many practical decisions to make and questions to answer, which can feel overwhelming during such an emotional time.

This booklet is here to gently support and guide you. It explains my role as your celebrant and how I will walk alongside you throughout the process with care, understanding, and reassurance. My role is not only to organise the service, but to support you. My aim is to create a personal and meaningful ceremony that truly reflects the life, values, and spirit of your loved one.

I will thoughtfully design and lead a service that is heartfelt, respectful, and unique. To do this, we will spend time together—along with anyone else you wish to include—so I can listen to your stories, gather memories, and understand what feels most meaningful to you.

Every ceremony I create is shaped with compassion, attention, and individuality. You can trust me to guide you gently through each step, offering support and reassurance, and ensuring your loved one is honoured with dignity, love, and sincerity.



Creating Your Loved One's Service

What Happens After Your Funeral Director Has Contacted Me

- Once your funeral director has asked me to be your celebrant, I will be in touch by phone to arrange a time to meet that feels comfortable for you.
- Before we come together, I may gently invite you to reflect on a few aspects of the ceremony, such as music, readings, or any special memories you would like to include. We can also talk about meaningful moments and anything that feels important in honouring your loved one.
- Our time together will be calm, unhurried, and supportive, giving you space to share and reflect at your own pace. Please allow around 1½ to 2 hours for our meeting, so we can thoughtfully begin creating a ceremony that truly reflects your loved one's life.

Our Meeting

- During our meeting, I will ensure all the details about your loved one are correct and take time to understand how you would like the ceremony to feel.
- We will gently talk through choices such as music, readings, poems, or any special elements you would like to include, as well as who might wish to be involved.
- Most importantly, I will listen as you share memories and stories, helping me to understand your loved one's life, character, and what made them special.
- With care and attention, I will create a ceremony that is unique and heartfelt. I will then send you a draft to review, so you can make any changes and feel reassured that everything reflects your wishes.

