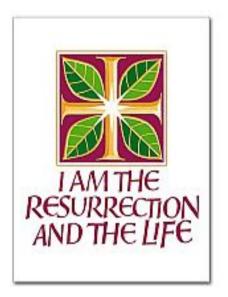
## Benefice of Meir Heath & Normacot <u>My Funeral Arrangements</u>



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For a Christian, death marks the culmination of life on earth. It is the moment when we are to come face to face with God and hence is a moment which should be prepared for. The funeral is part of this preparation. It is an opportunity for friends and family to say farewell, to remember with love all the times spent together and, most importantly, to offer prayer for the soul of the departed person.

As death is a difficult time for the family, outlining your wishes for the funeral in advance is a way of ensuring that your wishes, as far as possible, will be met and of taking some of the burden off the shoulders of the bereaved family members.

Once completed, as fully as you wish, a copy of this form should be handed in to the Parish Office. Another copy should be kept at home with your important papers.

| On my deathbed, I wish to have the ministrations of a priest. Please contact:   | I wish my Funeral Director to be: |  |  |  |
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| Father David McHardy, SSC Vicar of Meir Heath & Normacot St Francis's Vicarage Sandon Road Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LH   |                                   |  |  |  |
| Tel: 01782 398585   |                                   |  |  |  |
| My Fu   | neral                             |  |  |  |
| For Christians of our tradition, especially when they have been regular communicants, a Requiem Mass at the funeral is often an especially important way to commend the soul of the departed to God. A service of prayer and reflection is the alternative to this. |                                   |  |  |  |
| On my death, I wish to have:  |                                   |  |  |  |
| A Requiem Mass / A Basic Fune (delete <u>one</u> of the above)  | ral Service                       |  |  |  |
| Do you wish your body to be brought into church the night before the funeral service or requiem mass?   |                                   |  |  |  |
| <b>Yes</b> / <b>No</b> (delete <u>one</u> of the above)   |                                   |  |  |  |
| Which church do you wish the service to take place in?  |                                   |  |  |  |
| St Francis's / Holy Evangelists (delete one of the above)   |                                   |  |  |  |
| If you wish a basic funeral service, which form of language do you wish it to be in?  |                                   |  |  |  |
| <b>Modern language</b> / <b>Traditional l</b> (delete <u>one</u> of the above)  | anguage                           |  |  |  |
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| My choice of hymns for the funeral (including, where number and tune): | ecessary, hymn boo |
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| Title of Hymn:   |                    |
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| Music to be played   |                    |
| before the funeral starts:   |                    |
| when funeral ends:   |                    |
| I would like any flowers to:   |                    |
| Remain in the church / Go with my body to the cen                      | netery / cremator  |
| (delete as required)   |                    |

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Canon B38 of the Church of England states: 'Save for good and sufficient reason the ashes of a cremated body should be interred or deposited by a minister in consecrated ground.'

| I wish my body to be buried at:   |  |
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| or  |  |
| I wish my body to be cremated at:   |  |
| and my ashes to be buried at:   |  |
| (delete as required)  |  |
| Any Other Information   |  |
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|   |  |
|   |  |
| Signature   |  |
| he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall<br>there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the forma<br>away (Rev 21:4) |  |