



Preparing WELL

A free, one hour seminar on preparing for death and planning a Christian funeral, either for yourself or a loved one.

Wednesday 8 October, 7:30pm
St Alfred's Anglican Church

THE REALITY OF DEATH

‘... sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way **death came to all people**, because all sinned.’

Romans 5:12

‘... the wages of sin is death...’

Romans 6:23a



CHRISTIAN HOPE IN DEATH

‘Jesus said to [Martha], ‘I am the resurrection and the life. **The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...**’

John 11:23



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‘We believe that **Jesus died and rose again**, and so we believe that **God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**’

1 Thessalonians 4:14



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‘I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ ...
And I heard a loud voice from the
throne saying, ... ‘He will wipe every
tear from their eyes. **There will be no
more death or mourning or crying or
pain**, for the old order of things has
passed away.’ ... ‘I am making everything
new!’ ’

Revelation 21:1–5



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‘Our bodies are buried in brokenness,
but they will be raised in glory. They
are buried in weakness, but they will
be raised in strength.’

1 Corinthians 15:43 NLT

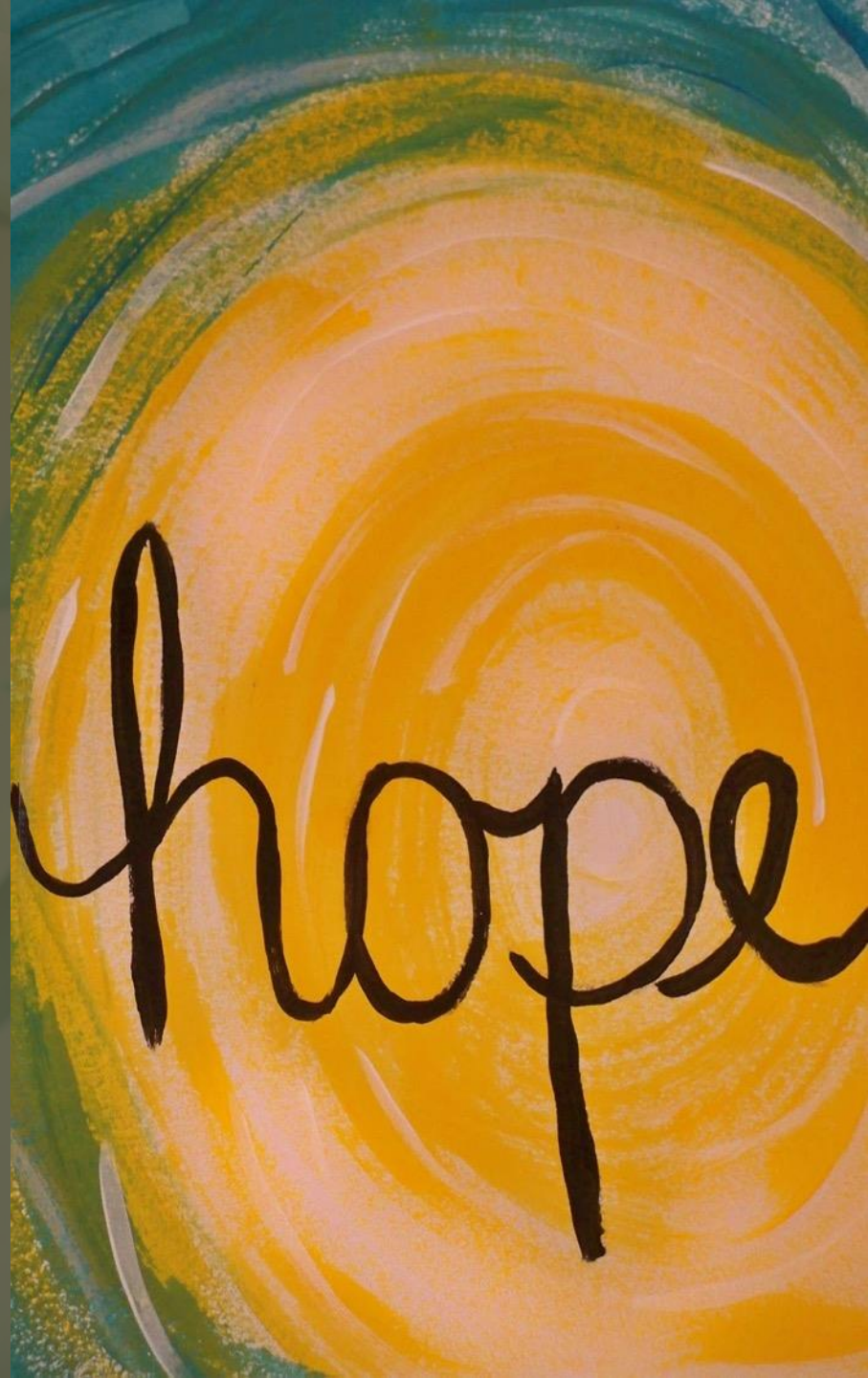
‘**Promoted to Glory**’ (Salvation Army)



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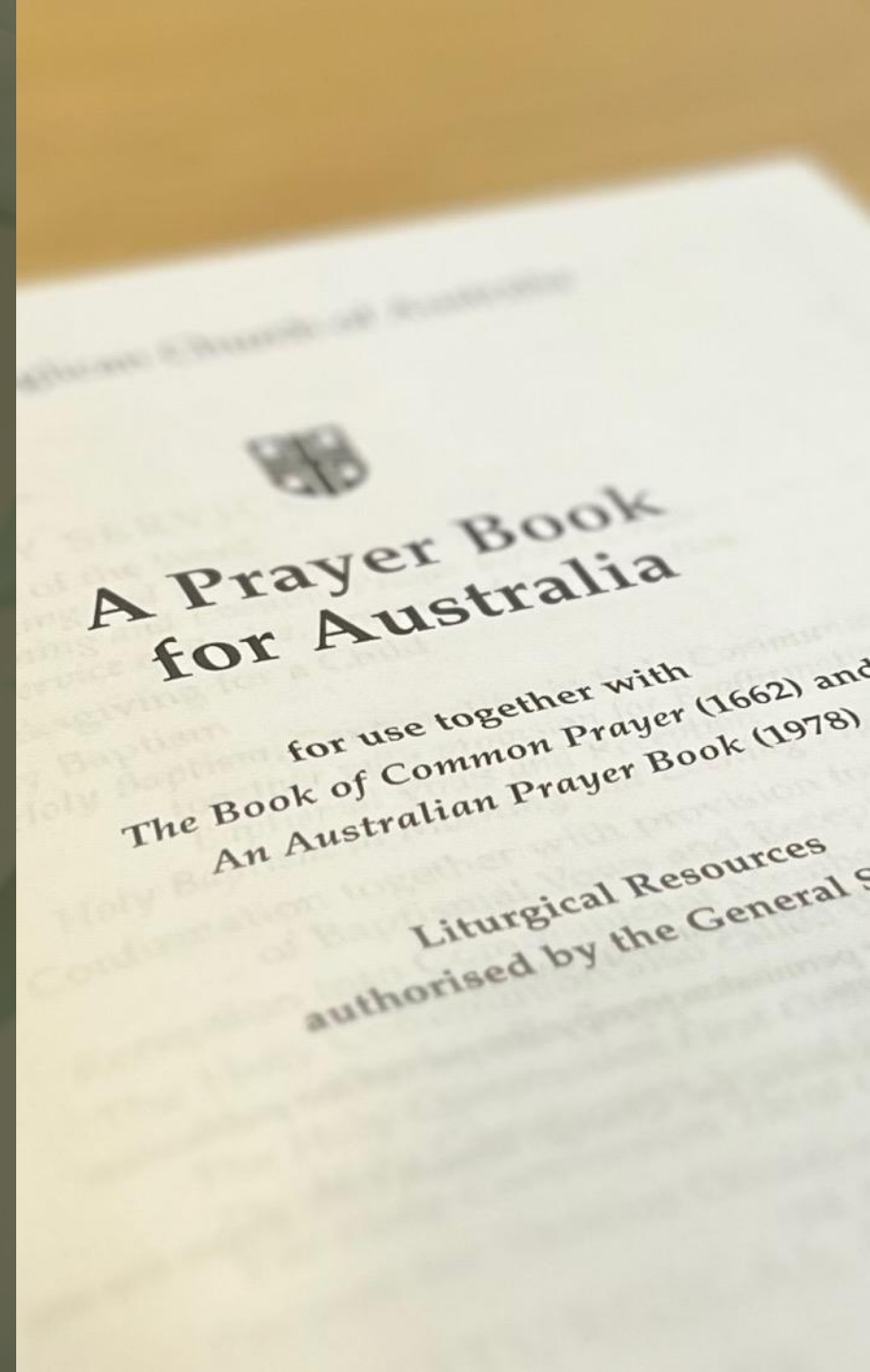
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OPENING FUNERAL LITURGY

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to **thank God** for the life of N,
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and to support one another in grief.
We face the certainty of our own death
and judgement.’

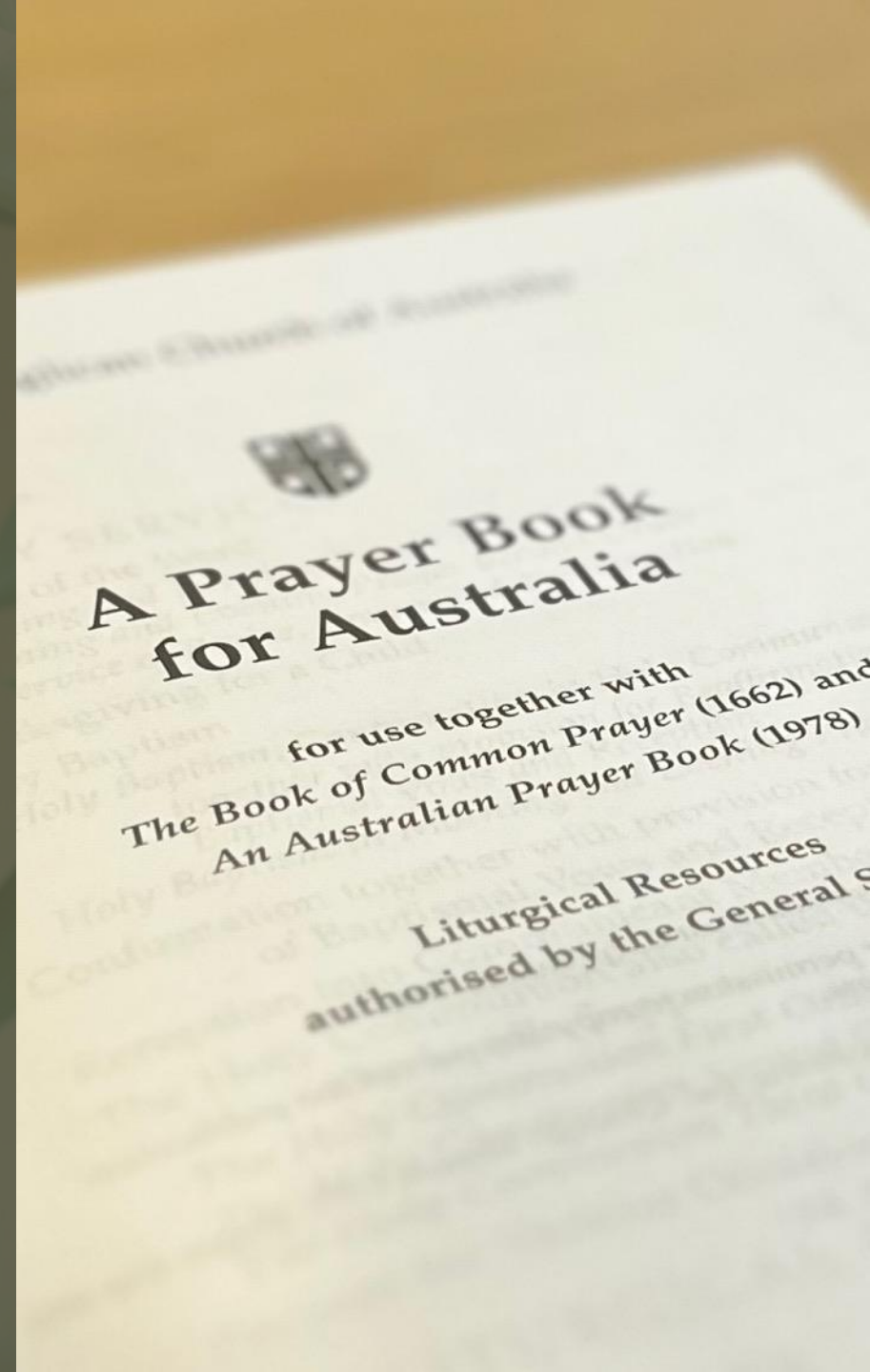
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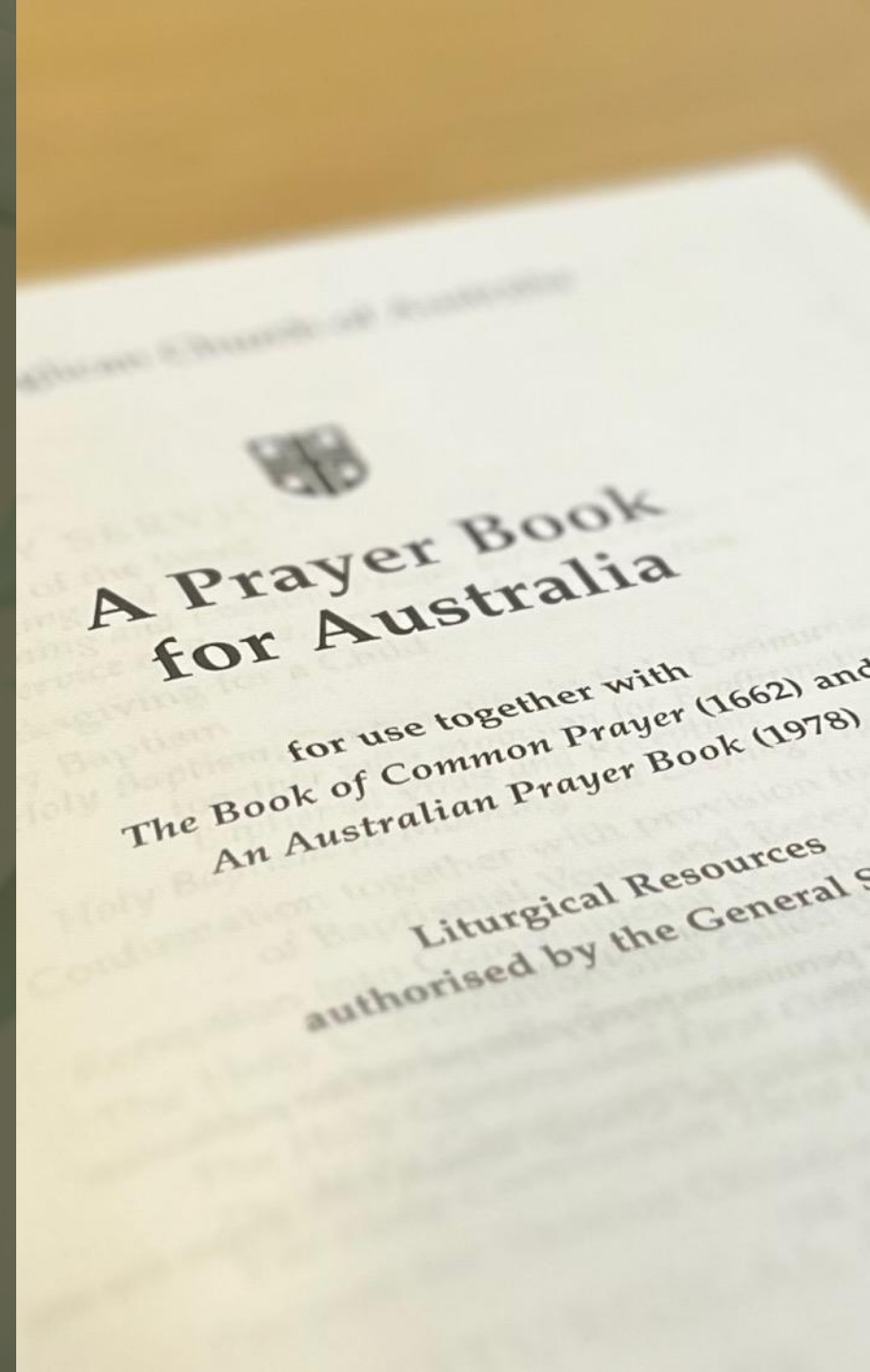
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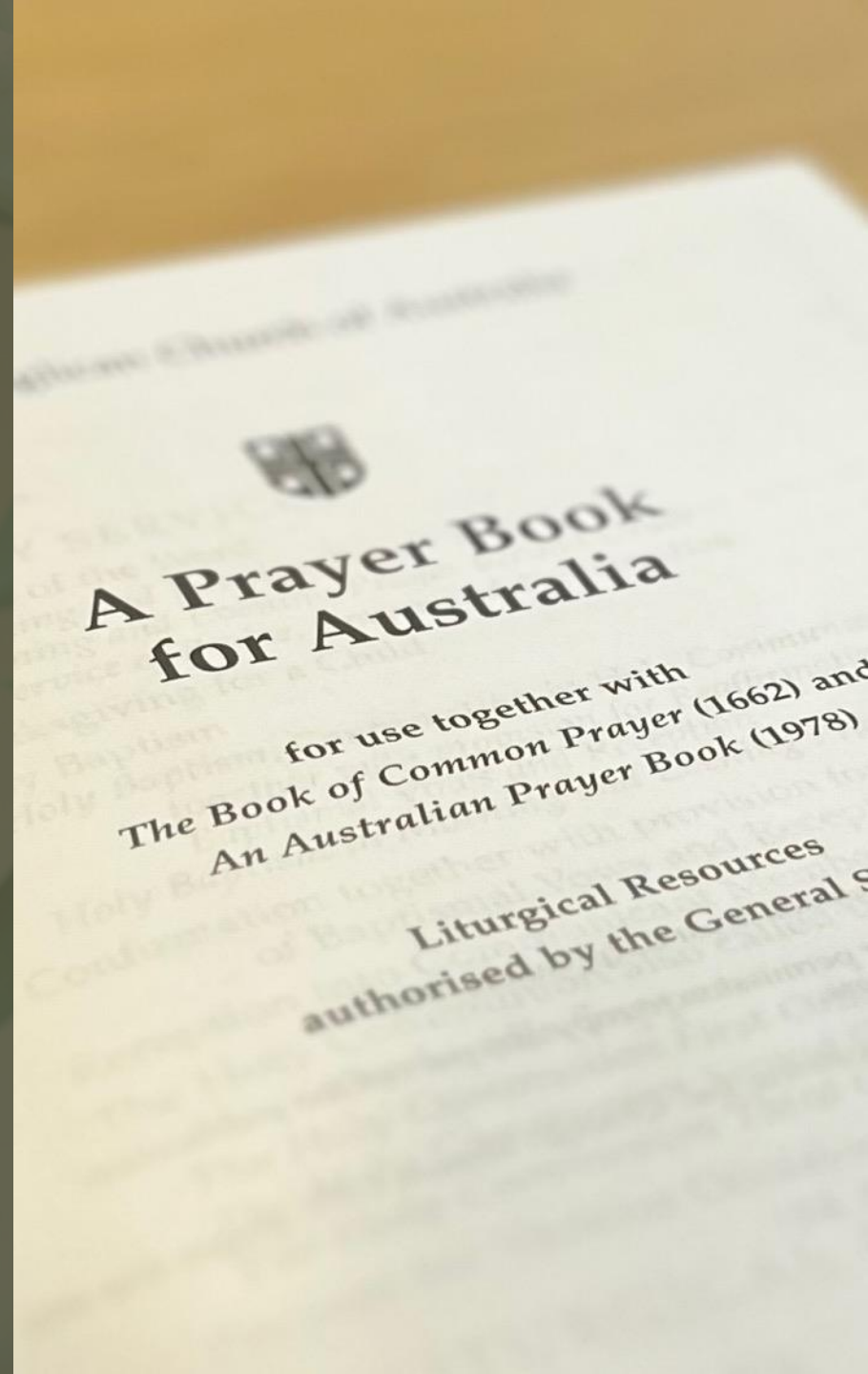
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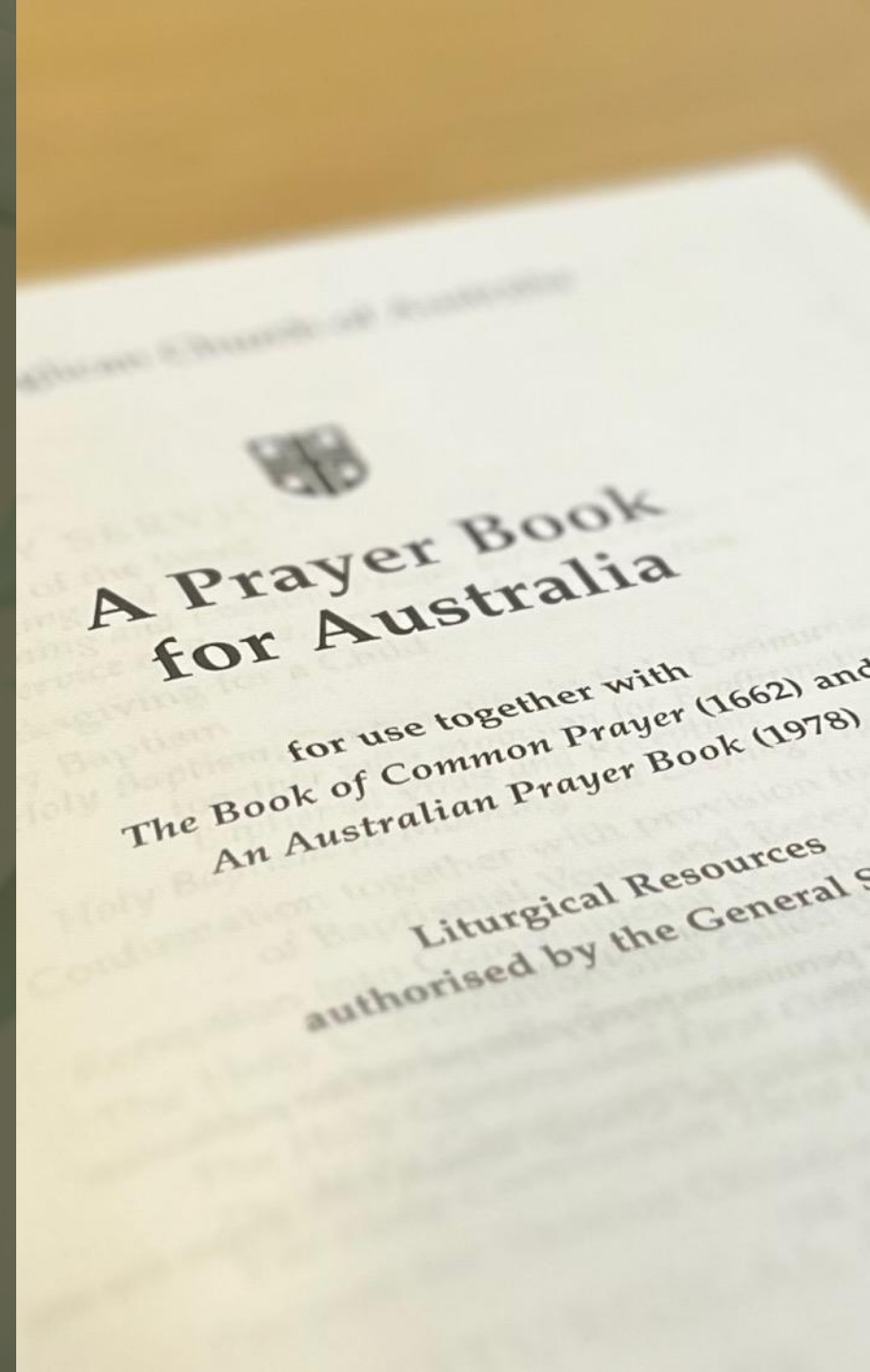
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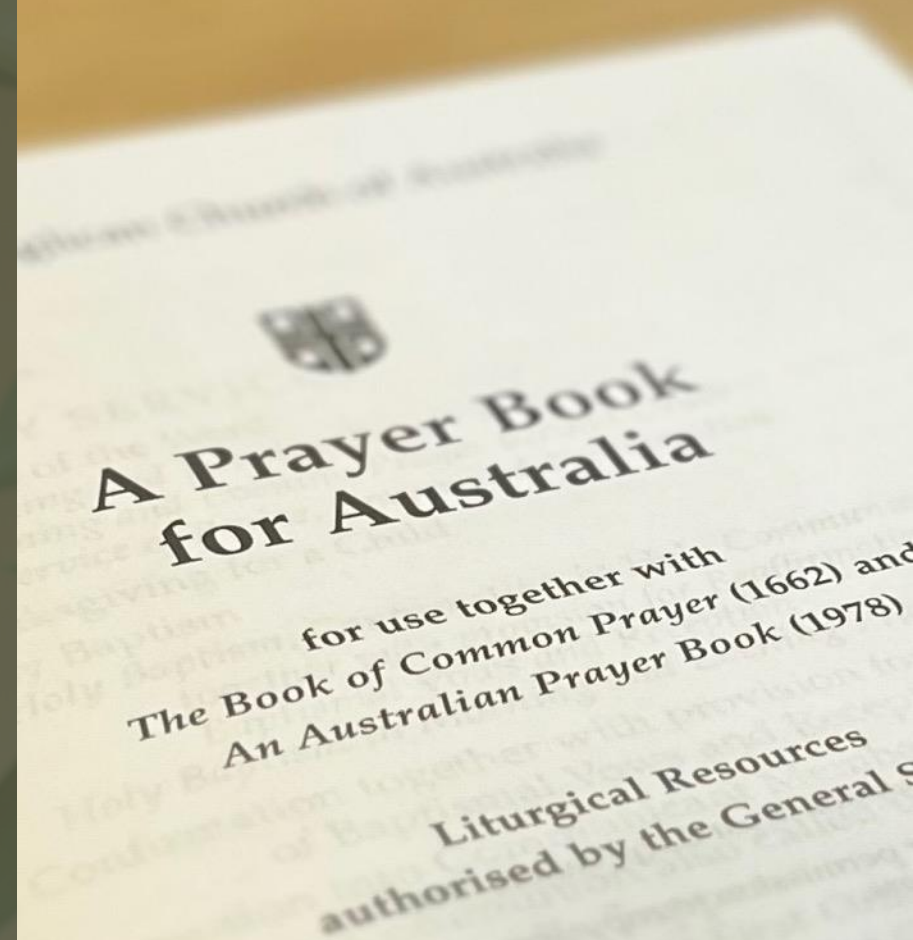
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him.

Therefore **in faith and hope**

we turn to God,

who created and sustains us all.’

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CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

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Lay to rest mortal remains,
Support one another,
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Hope



PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

1. Choose an Anglican funeral

No church fee for members to hold their funeral St Alfred's, though donations to church welcome.

May also want to consider a bequest to St Alfred's, should you wish.

Contact our treasurer to discuss how



Funeral Service

SERVICE PLANNING GUIDE

St Alfred's Anglican Church
107 Springfield Road, Blackburn North VIC 3109
03 9116 4949 office@stalfreds.org

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

1. Choose an Anglican funeral

2. Choose gospel rich Bible readings

Suggestions provided in St Alfred's
'Funeral Service Planning Guide'.

the Lord.
* They will proclaim his righteousness
declaring to a people yet unborn
He has done it!

Psalms 23

A psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack
nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green
pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^a
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies,
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life.

⁷ And surely your love will be with me
all the days of my life.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

1. Choose an Anglican funeral
2. Choose gospel rich Bible readings
3. Choose gospel rich songs/hymns
Suggestions provided in St Alfred's
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*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.*

*Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
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*Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
singingly he greets us,
where fear and gloom*

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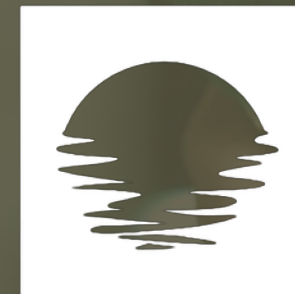
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3. Choose gospel rich songs/hymns
4. Communicate wishes with loved ones



USEFUL RESOURCES



yourgoodbye.com



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Downloadable booklets to start reflecting on your wishes



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Our Impact Report

A report to our families about our combined impact.



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The Process of Care

From death to after the funeral

Step 1

First Call

Initial phone call

Gather important details

Death is verified initially

Expected Death

“Medical certificate of cause of death (MCCD)”

Unexpected Death

Coroner inquiry





Step 2

Transfer to Funeral Home

Collect from place of death
Wrap in clean sheet
Transfer to stretcher
Move out to transfer vehicle



Step 3

Arrangement Meeting

Making informed choices
At least 24 - 48 hours after
Meeting at our facility

Step 3

Arrangement Meeting

Burial or Cremation

Timings and Venues

Casket or Coffin

Flowers

Refreshments

Photo Tribute

Livestreaming

Printed Materials and Guest Book

Viewing



Important funeral
information

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Personal Information

Department of Births,
Deaths & Marriages
registration

For completing the final
death certificate

Personal Details

Surname			
First given name			
Other given name(s)			
Date of birth	D	M	Y
Place of birth (CITY / STATE / COUNTRY)			
Date of arrival in Australia IF BORN OVERSEAS	D	M	Y
Religion			
Usual occupation during working life			
Medicare Number			
Centrelink Reference			

Relationship Details

1. Date of partnership	D	M	Y
Place (CITY / STATE / COUNTRY)			
Partner's full name prior to partnership			
2. Date of partnership	D	M	Y
Place (CITY / STATE / COUNTRY)			
Partner's full name prior to partnership			

Family Details

Parent 1: FULL NAME			
Previous surname			
Occupation during working life			
Date of Birth	D	M	Y
Parent 2: FULL NAME			
Previous surname			
Occupation during working life			
Date of Birth	D	M	Y
Children's full names and birth dates			
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Contacts

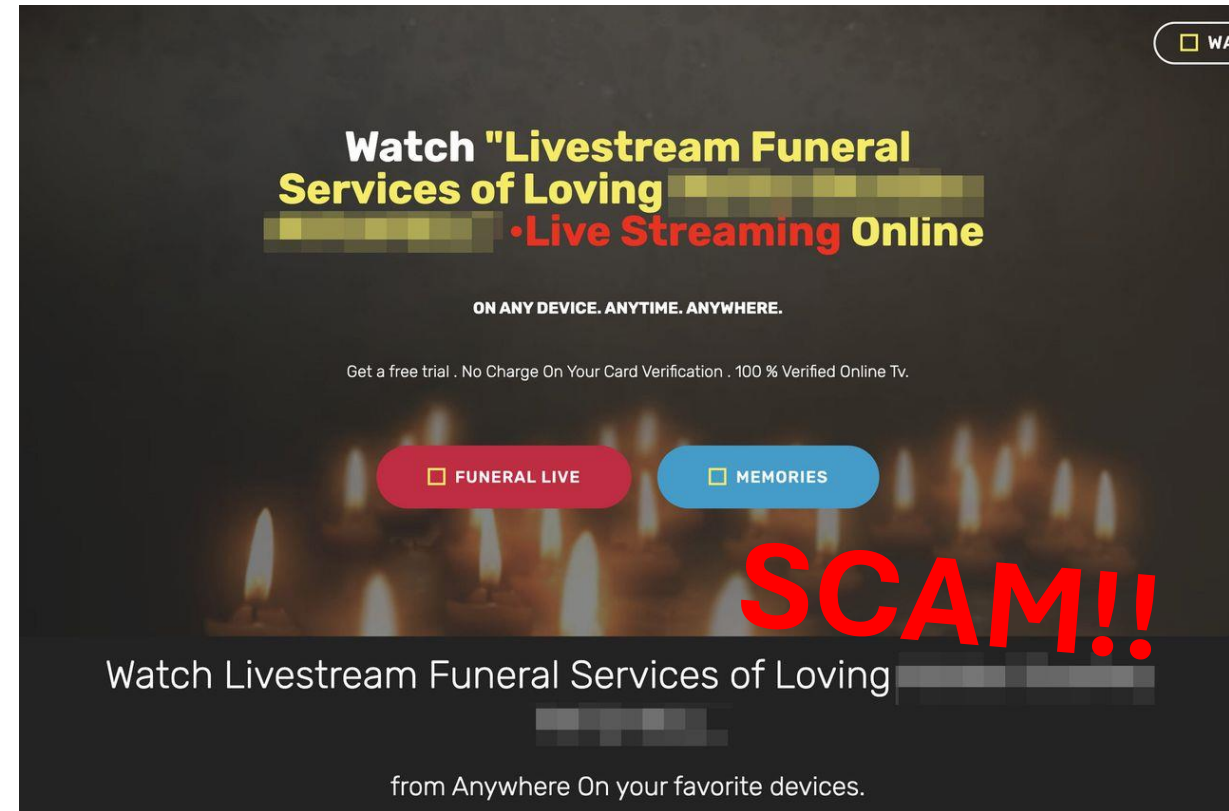
Next of Kin/ Executor			
Where my will is stored			
Where my digital access information is stored			

Bethel Funerals

Keep it updated

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Livestream Scams



We will never ask you to pay!



Step 4

Meeting the Minister or celebrant

Choice of songs and hymns

Readings and prayers

Symbols

Hymns or music

Who will share stories and eulogy

Step 5

Personal Preparations

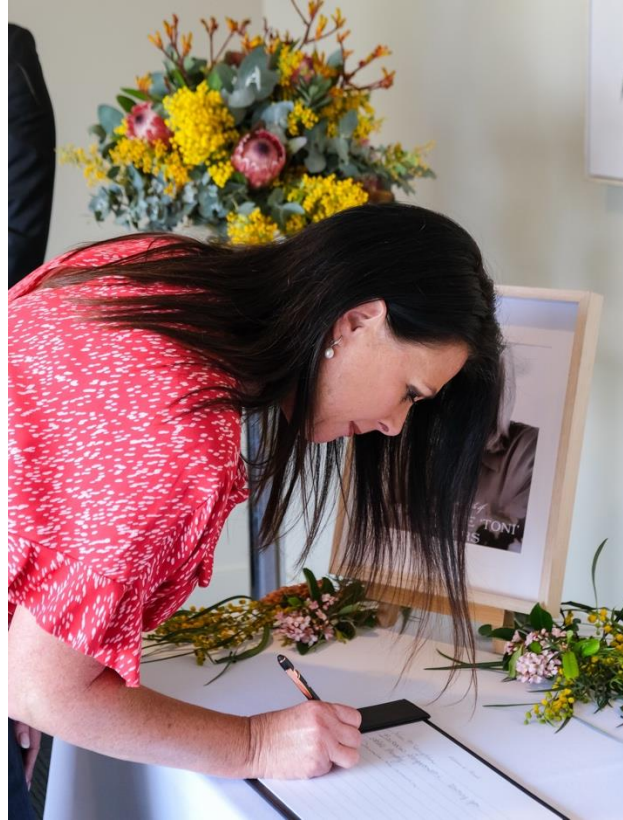
What to say?

Photos and more photos

Personal items

It all takes time





Step 6

Day of the Funeral

Deceased escorted in hearse

Venue setup and testing

Funeral assistant to greet guests

Deceased taken to grave or crematorium

Refreshments



Step 6 - Day of the Funeral summary

1.
Reality



2.
Remember



3.
Release



4.
Receive



Step 7

After the funeral

Burial

Plaque or headstone on the grave

Cremation

What to do with ashes?

Inter

Scatter

Keep

Pastoral Care



Time for Questions



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Funeral Planning Guide

Information for planning and conducting a funeral.

Practical Steps

What can you do now?



Fill in **Important Funeral Information** form



Pre-pay for your cremation or burial costs



Plan out the cost and set aside funds in **Funeral Bond**



Communicate with your family