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## Vision

Holy Innocents' Anglican Church is a Christian family which is Christ-centered, providing a spirit filled atmosphere, centered on worship, education, fellowship, and faithful stewardship.

## Mission

To glorify God through Christ:  
FAITH, LOVE, SERVE.

## A Final Gift to Those We Love



## Pre-Planning Funeral Service

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# Pre-Planning

A funeral is a celebration of thanksgiving to God for the gift of a human life. For those who remain, the funeral rites are an important part of the process of grieving and saying goodbye. The plans that you make will shape some of the memories they draw on in the future for comfort, and so it is important to design the service with care. Your loved ones will appreciate knowing what your wishes were concerning your service. It will prevent their having to make these decisions hurriedly in a time of stress. We would be honoured to meet with you and help you plan your celebration. Once plans are made a copy can be kept in a safe place, left with a family member or friend, or secured at the church office.



# Considerations

In planning your funeral service you may consider the following:

-Funeral rite. The Church uses two different books for worship: Book of Common Prayer and the Book of alternative Services.

-Holy Eucharist. Do you wish to have a funeral service with the Holy Eucharist?

-Bible Readings. There are a number of suggested Bible readings for a funeral service. Do you have a favorite Bible Reading?

-Hymns. There are a number of suggested hymns suitable for a funeral. Do you have a favorite hymn? What about a solo?

-Participation. Are there people whom you would like to participate in your service: readers, singers, gift bearers, pallbearers, or lead in the prayers?

-Groups/Organizations. Are there groups or organizations you would like to have involved in the funeral service? Will there be military or other honours?

-Family Prayers. Many families have a quiet time where family and close friends gather for a personal prayer service.

-Funeral Bulletin. A funeral bulletin can include details of the worship service.

-Burial. Do you wish to be buried in a Church cemetery? Many details can be pre-planned.

-Coordinator. Whom do you wish to be the chief planner and contact person to carry out your wishes regarding final planning of your funeral service?

-Questions. Do you have any questions regarding a funeral service?

-Bequest. Have you considered making a gift or bequest to your church as a legacy?

-Faith. *Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."*

We would be honoured to meet with you and share our Christian understanding of life, death and resurrection.