Funeral and Bereavement – Suggested books

**Care for the aged and dying**
Atul Gawande (2015) Being mortal, London: Profile (not specifically Christian, but an amazing critique of how we fail and need to deal with medically prolonging life at all costs)

**Dealing with Fear**
Joann C. Arnold (2002) Do not be afraid: overcoming the fear of death

**Dying**
Hall, Beverly (1988), Caring for the Dying: a Guide for Caregivers in Home and Hospital, Toronto, Canada, Anglican Book Centre. ((0-919891-87-X)
How to have a Good Death: Preparing and Planning, with Informed Choices and Practical Advice. Foreword by Esther Ranzen (2006), London: Dorling Kindersley. (978-1-4053-1629-3, or 1-4053-1629-2)
Hutchison, Joyce & Rupp, Joyce: May I Walk you Home? (1999), Notre Dame, Indiana: Ave Maria Press. (0-87793-670-6, or 978-0-87793-670-1)
Murray, Derek (2002), Death in Hospices, London: SPCK. (0-281-05228-X)
Woodward, James (2005), Befriending Death: London: SPCK. (0-281-05370-7)
Kenneth J. Doka & Amy S. Tucci (eds.) (2011), Beyond Kubler-Ross: New Perspectives of Death, Dying and Grief, Hospice Foundation of America (a critique of the Kubler-Ross model)

**Bereavement and Grief**
D'Arcy, Paula (2005), When People Grieve, New York: Crossroad. (0-8245-2339-3)
Martinez, Pablo and Hull, Ali (2004), Tracing the Rainbow, Milton Keynes, Spring Harvest, (1-85078-487-6)
Storkey, Elaine (1989), Losing a Child, Oxford: Lion. (0-7324-0153-4)
Wallbank, Susan (1991), Facing Grief: Bereavement and the Young Adult, Cambridge: Lutterworth Press. (0-7188-2807-0)

**Personal Journeys**
Albom, Mitch (2003), Tuesdays with Morrie, London: Sphere. (978-0-7515-2981-4)
Bray, Wendy (2002), In the Palm of God’s Hand, Oxford: Bible Reading Fellowship. (1-84101-336-6)
Griffiths, Steve (2003), God of the Valley: a Journey through Grief, Oxford: Bible Reading Fellowship. (1-84101-338-2)

**Christian Approaches towards death**

**Resources**
Bell, John L. and Maule, G. (1997), When Grief is Raw, Wild Goose Publications.
Brind, Jan & Wilkinson, Tessa (2008), Funeral, Thanksgiving and Memorial Services, with CD Rom, Norwich: Canterbury Press. (978-1-85311-855-5)
Churches’ Funerals Group (2001). Funeral Services, Norwich: Canterbury Press. (1-85311-399-9)
Pratt and Dobson, Poppies and Snowdrops, Peterborough: Inspire. (1-85852-308-7)
Saunders, Cicely (1990), Beyond the Horizon: a Search for Meaning in Suffering, London: DLT. (0-232-51875-0)
Sheppy, Paul (2003), In Sure and Certain Hope: Liturgies, Prayers and Readings for Funerals and Memorials. (1-85311-514-2)
The two books used in crematoria:
  The churches’ funerals group (2001), Funeral services with selected hymns, Norwich: Canterbury Press. *This is the blue book*
The churches group on funerals at cemeteries and crematoria (2001), Funeral services, Suffolk: Clowes. *This is the green book*


**Life after Death**
Mitton, Michael & Parker, Russ (2002), *Healing Death’s Wounds*, Bath: Arcadia. (1-904404-03-0)

**Prayer resources**
**In times of particular trauma**
Christian Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, *Beyond our Tears*, London: Church House Publishing

**Broader**
Common Worship: A Pastoral Ministry Companion (2012), London: Church House Publishing
Ruth Burgess (2013), *Saying goodbye: resources for funerals, scattering ashes and remembering*, Glasgow: Wild Goose (particularly good for prayers for burial of ashes)

**Ministry**
Alan Stanley, *Can a Christian have a vocation to be a Funeral Celebrant?*
[https://churchsupporthub.org/article/can-christian-vocation-funeral-celebrant/](https://churchsupporthub.org/article/can-christian-vocation-funeral-celebrant/) [accessed 22/10/18]

**Developing empathy that heals**