

A Funeral Ceremony has these purposes

- To express our firm Christian hope of resurrection life in and through Jesus Christ
- To embody the love of a comforting God for those who mourn
- To provide an opportunity for thankful remembrance of the deceased
- To commend the deceased to God as sole caring judge
- To reverently commit the deceased's body to burial or cremation ('disposal')

The Church of England's Funeral Service has six elements

1. Gathering
2. Reading and Sermon
3. Prayers
4. Commendation and Farewell
5. Committal
6. Dismissal