

Programme

19 Jan 2018

1.30 Registration & coffee

2.00 Death is real

3.30 coffee

4.30 Alongside one another

6.15 Dinner

8.00 The visit

9.30 Session ends

20 Jan 2018

7.30 Breakfast

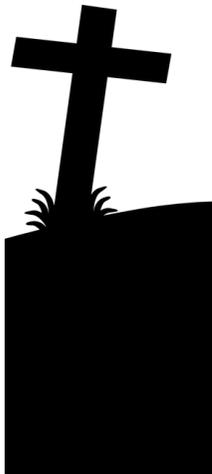
8.45 The theology of death

10.30 Coffee

11.00 The funeral day and beyond

12.30 What else and What next

1.00 Lunch and depart



A course provided by the Good Grief Group
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Cost: £150

The URC Training fund will cover the cost of URC church members. Full details from the Wales Synod Office

RSVP by 14 December 2017

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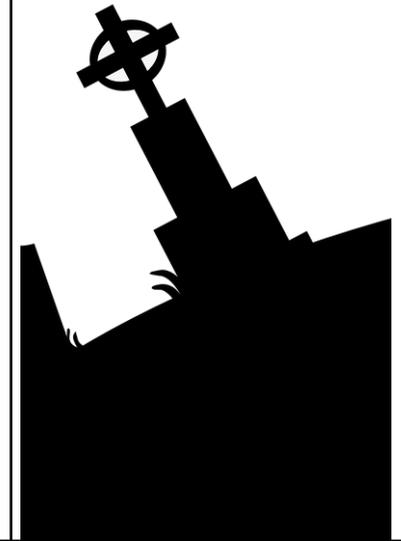
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GOOD GRIEF

Exploring Ministry in
Funerals and Bereavement



**Friday and Saturday
19-20 January 2018**

*The Metropole Hotel
Temple Street
Llandrindod Wells
LD1 5DY*

**Accommodation will be
provided in en-suite rooms**

GOOD GRIEF

THE GOOD GRIEF COURSE



As part of our continuing programme to help churches identify and equip themselves with the necessary skills for continued ministry, we are offering a number of sessions exploring issues around death, dying and bereavement, with a particular focus on funerals and related pastoral support.

Conducting funerals has never been the sole prerogative of ministers of word and sacraments and the role of funeral celebrants is becoming increasingly important. A good supportive pastoral ministry in this area is also vital in congregations where stipendiary ministry is either part time or non-existent.

Revds Sally Thomas & Stephen Best and Funeral Celebrant, Helen Stenson, invite you to attend and discover more about this important work. The course covers five sessions and the approach will be dynamic, in that it will adapt to the needs and issues which become apparent as our sharing and exploration deepens.

Death is Real

Will explore our own attitudes and responses to bereavement and how they impact upon own ability to minister to others.

Alongside one another

Will focus on visiting bereaved individuals and families with a view to planning funeral arrangements, explore what is possible and introduce funeral liturgy.

The funeral day and beyond

Will focus on the role of the funeral celebrant, look further at funeral liturgy, examine practical issues and consider follow-up support

What else and What next

Will pick up on things we have not covered (adequately or at all) to your satisfaction and seek to challenge us all to reflect upon what we can offer in this ministry both to our local congregations and our local communities

Joined-up Ministry

Will focus on bereavement support. What individuals and churches might offer beyond the funeral service.

It is planned to offer all attendees a follow-up event in Dying Awareness Week, May 2018; meeting with staff from a crematorium, a funeral director and other guest speakers



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