

## Programme

### 23 November 2018

12.00 Registration

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Death is real

3.40 coffee

4.15 Alongside one another

6.15 Dinner

8.00 The visit

9.30 Session ends

### 24 November 2018

7.30 Breakfast

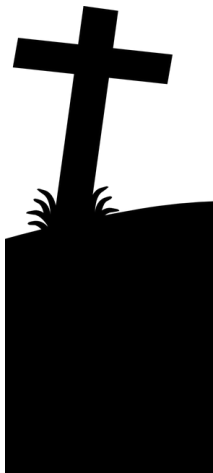
8.45 The theologies of death

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

**Please reserve a space on this course as soon as possible**

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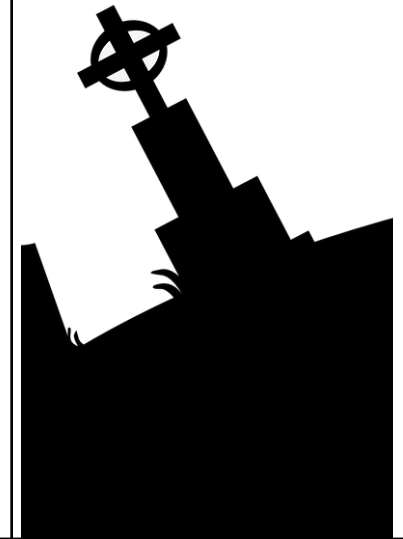
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GOOD GRIEF

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Exploring Ministry in  
Funerals and Bereavement



**Friday and Saturday  
23-24 November 2018**

Gladstone's Library  
Church Lane  
Hawarden  
CH5 3DF

**Accommodation will be provided in en-suite rooms, when available**

# 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.

Revs 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

## **Theologies of Death**

Will focus on understanding of resurrection and how theological stance informs liturgical approach.

## **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

It is planned to offer all attendees a follow-up event in Dying Awareness Week, May 2019; meeting with staff from a crematorium, a funeral director and other guest speakers



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