

Independent Celebrants



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What does a celebrant do?

- ❖ Guide you sensitively through planning a ceremony
- ❖ Meet with you and listen to how you'd like to say your final farewell
- ❖ Write a personalised and meaningful ceremony created with you
- ❖ Liaise with your funeral director and others involved in the arrangements
- ❖ Lead your ceremony on the day



How does it work?

When we meet a celebrant will discuss:

- ❖ What sort of ceremony you'd like
 - Traditional, alternative, themed
 - Secular, Semi religious or Spiritual
 - Including elements of different faiths or none
- ❖ How you'd like your memories to be shared
- ❖ Who you'd like to be involved in speaking or reading
- ❖ What you'd like to include



What would you like to include ?

- Music and/or hymns
- Readings, Poetry, Prayers
- A Eulogy or Tribute
- Lighting Symbolic Candles
- Dancing, Drama, Displaying paintings
- Decorating a Coffin, Placing gifts on a coffin, ..
- Whatever you want to include



When and Where?

- ❖ Most ceremonies take place at a crematorium or cemetery
- ❖ Burial at a cemetery
- ❖ A Natural Burial Ground
- ❖ You may prefer to hold a ceremony in a local hotel, a village hall, community centre, a woodland or meadow, a much-loved beauty spot or your own home or garden
- ❖ You can choose whether the deceased's body is present or not



Scattering or Interment of Ashes



- ❖ This can be as formal or as informal as you wish
- ❖ It can include readings or poems, – perhaps something that was read at the funeral
- ❖ A celebrant will help you to create a very special, personalised ceremony to make this more meaningful, wherever you decide to scatter or bury the ashes

Where to Scatter or Inter Ashes?

❖ Scattering Ashes

- Anywhere, with the landowner's permission
- A memorial garden at a Crematorium or Cemetery
- Your own garden
- On a family Grave (with permission)



❖ Burial or interment of ashes

- A cemetery, burial ground or graveyard (by arrangement)
- In a family grave (by arrangement)
- At a Natural Burial site (In an organic container)



For more information visit the [Beyond Life](#) website.

Direct Cremation

- ❖ A direct cremation is one that takes place without any mourners
- ❖ Some people choose this because they prefer not to have a coffin at the ceremony
- ❖ Some choose it because it is less expensive
- ❖ Whatever your reason you can arrange a memorial ceremony or a ceremony to scatter or inter the ashes at a time and place of your choice

How do you find a celebrant?

- ❖ Through a Funeral Director
- ❖ Internet search
Celebrant's website / Google Business
- ❖ A Celebrant directory such as:
The Association of Independent Celebrants
The Institute of Civil Celebrants
The Natural Death Centre



Useful links - Independent Celebrants

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<https://www.funeralcelebrantyorkshire.com/>
- **The Association of Independent Celebrants**
<https://independentcelebrants.com/find-a-celebrant/>
- **Institute of Civil Celebrants** <https://www.iocf.org.uk/find-iocf-celebrant>

Useful Links when planning a Funeral

- Age UK Factsheet for planning your funeral [Age UK Planning Your Funeral Factsheet](#)
- Dying Matters Funeral Wishes <https://digitallegacyassociation.org/funeral-wishes-leaflet/>
- For easily accessible information on where you can scatter or bury ashes, visit the [Beyond Life](#) website.
- For more information and to find natural burial grounds and celebrants close to you, visit the [Natural Death Centre](#) website or call their helpline on 01962 712690.
- For general information The Good Funeral Guide <https://www.goodfuneralguide.co.uk/>
- Ideas for funerals <https://coffinclub.co.uk/>
- How to plan for your Digital Legacy <https://bit.ly/3s5OZ4g>

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