To be arranged, and respected these
bereaved relatives’ wishes or feelings you would.

My main advice is twofold:
your choice of the deceased, and to discuss arrangements
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Notes for those concerned

To the Minister

thoughtful guidance and personal contact.

1. A Prayer Book

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The Arrangement of Funeral Services

The problem faced by a minister asked for a Prayer Book Funeral is that the 1662 order was designed typically for a burial in the churchyard, not entering the church, and the 1928 order for a church service followed by burial, whereas most services now take place in the crematorium. The following is based on the arrangement of the Series 1 (i.e. 1928) order in Common Worship: Pastoral Services, which incorporates the whole 1662 rite.

These orders have nothing corresponding to the CW 'Commendation' before the Committal – this reflects the Reformation doctrine that it is wrong (and futile) to treat the rite as reflecting the status before God of the already dead person. If the minister holds this position sincerely he or she will also omit the prayer 'for all those whom we love but see no longer'.

If a ceremony of Commendation is required, I suggest that either the 1928 prayer for the dying 'Go forth from this world, O Christian soul' or the Nunc Dimittis be read over the coffin.

Collect, Epistle & Gospel are also provided in Pastoral Services for those who wish to celebrate a memorial Communion.

To provide an explicable order, I have used the following code-titles for parts of the service:

- The Sentences – p 430
- The Psalm – pp 431–435
- The Lesson – pp 436–438
- The Prayers – pp 439–441
- The First Anthem – p 442 (Man that is born of woman / Like as a father pitieth)
- The Committal – p 443 (Forasmuch as it hath pleased)
- The Second Anthem – p 443 (I heard a voice from heaven)
- The Ascription – p 443 (Now unto the King)

These texts are available at http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/look/texts/burialdead.html. There is a Merbecke version of the Sentences and Anthems, which may be published in response to

requests. The following code-titles for parts of the service:

A Sample Order for Church Service and Committal (optional elements are in brackets)

In Church

Psalms read walking to church 84 is appropriate, or some of the Penitential Ps (pp 53–60).

The Sentences

The Psalm

The Lesson

The Prayers

The First Anthem

The Committal

The Second Anthem

The Ascription

A Sample Order for the Crematorium

At the hearse – some Psalm verses into the chapel – The Sentences (Informal Introduction)

The Psalm

The Lesson

The Prayers

The First Anthem

The Committal

The Second Anthem

A Sample Order for Church Service

The minister moves to stand by the catafalque

The First Anthem

The curtain is closed

The Committal

The Second Anthem

The Ascription, or a Blessing

Revd Neil Patterson 2009

849 on the last day, they are received by grace, and shall thus rise to

Communion, and receive communion. Consequently, the minister

must assign to them, and to their mortals remains, a form of

Communion, of which no portion or any form of exception shall be

made. It may be said in addition that the whole spirit of

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