

Think through a Christian Funeral

Aim:

To explore the elements which make up a Christian funeral.

Setting the Scene:

Great Granny has lived a long and happy life but sadly she has died. Mum is sorting out the arrangements for the funeral, when she realises that no-one knows what Great Granny wants to happen at the service, or what should be done with her body.

Task

Use the facts about Great Granny to help mum work out what the funeral should be like. Remember that not every piece of information may be relevant.

In groups sort the statements out in order of importance and produce an answer to the central question: “What would Great Granny want?”



Great Granny was a Christian.

Mum is Great-Granny's nearest living relative.

Great-Granny cared about the environment.

There is a family grave in the local cemetery.

Great-Granny's favourite place is a nearby beauty spot.

Great-Granny's sisters were both cremated.

The family grave has not been used for a long time.

Great-Granny's best friend is buried in the local cemetery.

Great-Granny went to funerals at her church.

Great-Granny's will said nothing about her funeral.

Great-Granny was a member of a Baptist church.

Great-Granny's church does not have a graveyard.

Great-Granny's favourite charity was Christian Aid.

Great-Granny's favourite hymn was "There Is A Green Hill Far Away".

Great-Granny was funny.

Great-Granny liked the Minister at her church.

Great-Granny had a lot of friends at her church and the old people's home where she lived.

Great-Granny loved flowers, especially roses.

Great-Granny liked wearing bright colours.

Great-Granny loved to sing.

Great-Granny had lots of great-grandchildren, and loved them all.

Great-Granny loved things made of basket-work.

Great-Granny always shopped at the Co-Op.