



The Parish of St Alban's Gossops Green and Bewbush

Policy for a Time of Significant National Mourning

1. At a time of significant national mourning, St Alban's will be opened in daylight hours for public prayer, lighting of candles and signing of a condolence book.
2. This will be announced by notices on the church notice board in the porch, the church website and the church Facebook group.
3. A Book of Condolence is kept in the church vestry ready for this occasion.
4. A table will be placed to the side of the main altar with a framed picture of the deceased and the book of condolence.
5. A large candle will be lit nearby and tea lights be made available, to be placed in the sand tray.
6. The clergy and leadership team will meet and decide on prayer services that will be offered.
7. The flag will be lowered to half-mast in accordance with accepted protocol.

Items kept in church vestry:

- Book of Condolence
- 100 tea lights
- One long-burning candle
- A4 black frame

G. J. Saye

Signed:.....Incumbent Date:.....9/10/25.....