

DYING, DEATH, AND LIFE AFTER DEATH

a webinar covering practice and belief in different faith traditions

Wednesday 8th July, 3 – 4pm (via Zoom)

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected everyone, with large numbers dying, and families experiencing bereavement. Whilst we may be aware of some of the practices of different religious groups, how much do we know about the beliefs behind the various rituals and practices associated with death? Increasing our understanding of beliefs and practices of our various traditions is important in the building of stable communities, so this event will be of interest to a wide audience. It will also be recorded, so that it can be widely used as a learning resource.

This webinar will feature representatives of eight faiths in Lancashire, who will explain and explore

- a) how the process leading up to death is handled - how is the dying person comforted; how are family and friends supported; how is prayer used.
- b) after death – arrangements for the body; is burial or cremation practiced, and why; what is the nature of any funeral service; are there any formal rituals / practices over the succeeding weeks or months.
- c) eternal life - how do the different faiths view death in the wider context of eternity; is there a belief in 'eternal life'; is there (still) a concept of heaven / hell.

The format will be of a panel, with a chairperson, who will invite the reps in turn to talk about these topics. The session will be split into three parts, with time in each for those attending to ask questions, through the 'chat' function of Zoom.

To register interest, please contact Rebecca Novell at Lancashire County Council who will provide details of joining by Zoom

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