A FAREWELL

This leaflet has been designed for use by families and friends when scattering or burying cremated remains, where no minister is present.

We are here to remember *name* . This day, we celebrate *his/her* life and say our final goodbyes by returning *his/her* ashes to the earth.

Name lives on in our memories, and although no longer a visible part of our lives, *he/she* will always remain a member of our circle through the influence *he/she* had on us, and the part *he/she* played in all our lives.

All say together (optional):

Death is nothing at all
I have only slipped away into the next room,
I am I, and you are you,
Whatever we were to each other,
That we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we enjoyed together,
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,
Let it be spoken without effort,
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant,
It is the same as it ever was,
There is absolutely unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you,
For an interval,
Somewhere very near,
Just around the corner
ALL IS WELL

(Henry Scott Holland)

With love, honour and respect, we commit *name's* ashes to the earth.

The cremated remains may now be buried or scattered, and those present may wish to take a few moments in quiet contemplation.

his/her humanity we commit to our hearts;

His/her ashes we commit to the cycles of nature.

Name is now beyond harm, fear and pain

All say together (optional):
The Lord's Prayer
Our Father,who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil...