

Celebrate with Centre for Death and Life Studies

Durham University

Tuesday June 16th 2026

1.30 until approximately 5.00 p.m.

St John's College, Durham

Centre for Teaching and Learning,
on the Bailey next to St Mary the Less, John's Chapel.

Celebrating Knowledge Transfer Partnership on hydrolysis of human bodies and book launches

ALL FREE, with good time left for discussion on hydrolysis of bodies
and our varied interests from a variety of perspectives.

As Director of our Centre for Death and Life Studies, let me invite you to
come and share our celebration, meet some interesting folk, and close
with a brief Reception.

Prof Douglas Davies FBA

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Book launches

Death and Memory in the Long Nineteenth Century in Four Volumes

(Lead Prof Mark Sandy, English Dept)

Memory Music and Death

(Lead Dr Matthew McCullough, Music Department)

Crematorium Managers and Covid-19.

(Lead Dr Georgina Robinson, Melbourne University)

Cultural History of Death in Modern Age

(Lead Prof Douglas Davies)

Completion of Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) on Hydrolysis of Human Bodies. Project between Centre and Kindly Earth Co.

Focused on this potential, innovative, form of funeral, recently passed into Law in Scotland - not quite yet in England and Wales. With contributions from:

- Revd. Canon Simon Oliver, Head of Department of Theology and Religion.
- Helen Chandler and Howard Pickard of Kindly Earth - who produce the equipment for the process, tradename Resomation.
- Professors Douglas Davies and Mathew Guest, KTP, Centre, and Department.
- Dr Georgina Robinson, now of University of Melbourne, Australia.
- Fiona Cunningham, Newcastle Bereavement Services, and former key KTP Associate.
- Professor Chris Greenwell - Department of Earth Sciences, Durham.
- Professor Geoffrey Scarre - Philosophy - on the Philosophy of hydrolysis.

Brief note on some postgrad and undergraduate interests in death studies.