# HOW TO SET UP YOUR BABY LOSS MEMORIAL

# A QUIET SPACE

Find a quiet corner in your church/community area to set aside a peaceful place of reflection for your Baby Loss Memorial. Put a chair, cushion or kneeler in this space.

#### **YOUR PACK**

The A3 Banner, HelpLine Cards, Prayer cards and information leaflets are to be displayed attractively in this area for the duration of October.

The A4 Pregnancy Matters poster is for a permanent display on your community noticeboard.

## **YOUR MEMORIAL**

This is your space to decorate as you wish and to make beautiful and peaceful. The A3 banner can be framed if you like, placed on a table or tacked onto a wall. Make sure you have a little table nearby clearly displaying the purple Pregnancy Matters leaflets, and Life's newly branded HelpLine Cards.

#### **PERSONALISE**

Our volunteers spent some time making optional prayer cards to go in your space if you would like to use them. Having plants, flowers, a candle stand with votive candles, somewhere to write private prayer intentions - or other thoughtful ideas - can help make your memorial really special.

## **ANNIVERSARY**

27th October will mark 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act was passed. If you would like to commemorate this day, you could fill the memorial with flowers. Get in touch below to discuss organising a Life Sunday at your church. This could help inform your community about these issues, increase supporters for Life and help with fundraising.

#### **SHARE**

Please take a photo of your memorial and send it to us! Either through the email below or on social media, we're hoping to share them from churches across the country as a sign of united solidarity.

Please contact Clare with any concerns or questions via email or phone: clareplasom-scott@lifecharity.org.uk or 07515578596

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# A Little Reminder...

Please bear in mind the purpose of this memorial is to show compassion and reach out to anyone affected by the loss of a baby in **any** circumstances. Therefore, please respect the following:

This memorial is not overtly about abortion, please do not try to make it such.

As the memorial is reaching out to those affected by baby loss in all its forms including miscarriage, still birth, illness etc. as well as remembering the lives lost due to abortion, there is an acute need in this area to be highly sensitive.

This will also show others in your community the compassionate and non-judgemental way Life deals with this heartbreaking issue.

Please do **not** include in your display, baby models or images, posters or literature other than those received in the pack. (By all means, around this time of the Anniversary, get in touch if you think your community would be supportive of having a Life Sunday, which could educate about pro-life issues, raise support for Life and help us fundraise.)

If unsure - please get in touch!

Please do feel free to visit the space, to hold prayer/reflection gatherings there through October to remember babies lost, and to commemorate the Abortion Act being put into place on 27th October, by simply filling the memorial with flowers and lighting candles.

Please send us a photo of your memorial looking at its best on the anniversary.

Thank you!

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