

# Celebration of life

Funeral Day Steelband by Gary Trotman Steelasophical.

"The very first funeral service I ever played at was for my very own mother - the second service was for her her sister my aunty.

This places me in very unique position of truly understanding the balance between grieving and celebration of life by means of music!





# the music

Music From the traditional Caribbean songs such as Yellow Bird, Island in the Sun to more uplifting and up tempo songs such as Bob Marley Reggae selection to well known pop songs. trust in Steelasophical to create and maintain just the right atmosphere.





### Options

#### **Funeral Service**

To provide the ulifting musical backdrop to the service as friends and family arrive. This can be up to 90mins prior to the arrival of the dearly newly departed. Also entrance and recessional music.

#### **Graveside / Crematorium**

Steelasophical performs with backing music and Steel drums, but no power is required as our PA system is battery powered. Music to be played as and when required

#### Wake

A very popular choice is to have Steelasophical perform music during the wake. It will create just the right mood while family and friends gather and together celebrate in the memories of the departed, in a uplifting but respectful way. The gathering after the funeral is commonly known as 'the wake'. It is also referred to as 'the reception'. There is no requirement to have a wake but it is a long-standing tradition and mourners may want to meet up after the ritual of the funeral service to remember the deceased in a more informal setting.





## The 1st & 2nd

Picture taken at St Anselms Church, The Green Southall - the morning of my mothers funeral

As an experienced musician, Gary travels throughout the UK in order to play at Funerals and other events.

Gary is the founder of Steelasophical, a leading provider of Caribbean musical services based in the UK

By its very nature, a funeral is a very emotive event, and the most appropriate time for family and loved ones to say a final farewell to the deceased person.

No two funerals are the same, and sometimes he receives requests for tunes that are not usually associated with funerals or the loss of a loved one, but none the less are important to the family.

Gary also knows that everything has to be right first time, and from the moment of the initial enquiry, he will listen and understand individual requirements and give immediate and initial advice without obligation.

Should you appoint him, he will then work with the undertaker and/or the family advising on appropriate protocols and actions, and where appropriate advising on music choice.





