

Cremation

Cremation is permissible in the Anglican tradition. Our recommendation is to have the cremains present at the funeral.

All Saints Memorial Garden has been set aside at Christ Church for the burial of ashes. Such burial is without an urn and the grave is unmarked. The name of the buried person is engraved on a tablet in the garden. There is a \$250 charge for the engraving and the upkeep of the garden.

Funeral Arrangement Form

We encourage you to complete two copies of this form; one for the church office and one for your own records.

Forms are available in the church office or on-line at www.christchurchinfo.org under Forms & Guidelines.

About Funerals



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At Christ Church, as in all Christian Churches, we believe very deeply in our Lord's promise of eternal life to all who have put their faith in Christ. We certainly view the services for burial of the dead as a solemn moment in the life of the Church, reminding us all of our physical mortality. However, we also see this time as one in which we can be reminded to give thanks again to God for caring about us enough to send His Son that we might have the gift of eternal life.

When Death Occurs

When the death of a member of the church occurs, one of the parish clergy should be called as soon as possible and arrangements for the funeral/memorial service made in consultation with him.

Burial from the Church

Baptized Christians, having been nurtured in the Church, are properly buried from the Church.

Pall for the Coffin

A pall to cover the coffin during the service in the Church is provided by the parish. The pall reminds us of the equality of all people before God.

Flowers

Flowers are only allowed on the reredos. It is the family's responsibility to provide flowers if they are desired. We have a working relationship with Patterson's Flower Shop (823-4942) If you go elsewhere, please let us know. A member of our Altar Guild will communicate with your florist to provide parameters for floral arrangements.

The Liturgy

The Funeral Liturgy will follow the forms of The Burial of the Dead as found in the Book of Common Prayer. Although not required, a celebration of Holy Communion is an appropriate expression of Christian worship at a funeral.

It is most appropriate to sing hymns during the Burial of the Dead service. The selection of hymns, prayers, scripture and other details of the service is done in consultation with the clergy. (Please consult our funeral arrangement form for suggestions.)

Participation in the Liturgy

Family and friends are encouraged to take part in the service. Although there is no provision for a eulogy in the Book of Common Prayer, a five minute eulogy that deals with the spiritual life of the deceased is allowed. We also suggest the following

ways for you to participate in the funeral:

1. Reading the scripture
2. Reading the Prayers of the People, which may include a special prayer for the deceased written by the family
3. Appropriate musical solo

Memorials

Memorial gifts are inscribed in our Book of Remembrance. This book records the names of those in whose memory gifts have been given to the church at the time of their death. This fund provides valuable additions to our ministry – both programmatic and building.

Funeral Expenses

While expenses in connection with the funeral are for the family to decide, please remember that it is fitting to keep funeral expenses at a minimum. There is no charge for the use of the church. If an organist is desired, the fee is \$150. An honorarium for the clergy is encouraged.