

## FUNERALS AT CHRISTCHURCH

Planning a funeral when someone you love has died is not an easy task. There is a lot to organise at a time when you are dealing with your own grief. We encourage you to contact the minister or the pastoral area lead (details below) who will gladly visit you to help you think about how you want to remember and celebrate their life, and how to say goodbye well. Here is some information which will help you start your thinking and planning.

### DATES

Please discuss dates and times with the minister or the pastoral area lead before finalising arrangements with the funeral director, as our church is well used by a wide range of local community groups, and we do our best not to disrupt their meetings.

### FEES

Church	£150
Minister or officiant	£150
Organist/musician	£70 per person
Audio/live-stream/projection	£70 per person

*We do not charge fees for members of the congregation, or people closely associated with the life of the church. However, if you can afford to, you are invited to make a donation to the church to contribute towards our costs.*

### MUSIC AND AUDIO VISUAL

Christchurch has a number of experienced musicians in its congregation, and also good quality audio-visual facilities. Please note that our musicians and AV operators are all volunteers, many of whom are at work during the week. This means that we cannot guarantee that they will be available at a time of your choosing. We will always do our best to help where we can, but it is possible that you may need to choose between Live Streaming or Projection if insufficient volunteers are available. Our system is complex, so it is not possible for external people to operate it.

### REFRESHMENTS

We have a small group of volunteers who can usually provide tea and coffee after a funeral. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide food. If you would like to offer refreshments to your guests, you are encouraged to contact one of the many local cafes or shops to arrange this. Please note that alcohol is not allowed on our premises.

### FLOWERS

Our team of volunteers create a single beautiful flower display for worship on Sunday mornings. We are happy to leave this in church for funerals towards the start of the week, or prepare it early for services at the end of the week. If you would like a different arrangement, you are invited to contact one of the local florists.

### CONTACTS

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