

## FUNERALS AT CHRISTCHURCH

Planning a funeral for someone you love is never easy. When you are also carrying the weight of grief, even small decisions can feel overwhelming. Please know that you do not have to do this alone. We warmly encourage you to contact our minister. He will gladly visit you to talk through the service, listen to your ideas, and help you plan a fitting way to remember, celebrate, and say goodbye. The information below is intended to help you begin that process.

### CHOOSING A DATE

Please speak with the minister before confirming a date and time with your funeral director. Our church is used by many community groups throughout the week, and we want to do our best to avoid clashing with their bookings.

### FEES\*

Use of 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 our congregation, or*
- *People closely associated with the life of the church.*

*However, if you are able to afford it, you are very welcome to make a donation to Christchurch to help us cover our costs. There is no obligation to do so.*

### MUSIC AND AUDIO VISUALS

Christchurch has talented musicians in its congregation and good quality audio-visual facilities. However, our musicians and AV operators are all volunteers, and many of them are at work during the week. This means we cannot always guarantee that they will be available at a specific time. We will always do our best to help. If we have very few volunteers available, you may need to choose between live-streaming and projection. Because our system is complex, external people are not able to operate it.

### REFRESHMENTS

A small team of volunteers can usually provide tea and coffee after a funeral. Unfortunately we are not able to provide food. If you would like to offer more substantial refreshments to your guests, we suggest contacting one of the many local cafes or shops nearby. Please remember that alcohol is not permitted anywhere on our premises.

### FLOWERS

Our volunteers create a single, beautiful flower display for our Sunday morning worship. We are happy to leave the display in the church for funerals that take place early in the week, or to prepare it a little earlier for funerals at the end of the week. If you would prefer a different arrangement, you are welcome to contact a local florist directly.

### CONTACT US

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