

Funerals

It is a privilege to serve the community by helping to support families in their time of grief. We understand how difficult it is to come to terms with death and dying, and so in offering our church space, along with support from our minister and congregation, we hope that the funeral of your loved one will be as encouraging and life-giving as possible.

The Christian church worldwide believes that there is more to life than what we see around us. As such, in the context of the Christian faith, a funeral is a time to celebrate the gift of life in our loved one, to honour their story, and to affirm our hope in Christ that death marks the start of a new relationship with God for all eternity.

To arrange a funeral service, families are invited to meet with our minister, either through contact via their chosen funeral home, or directly with the minister. Our minister aims to include as much of a family's wishes for their loved one as is appropriate and practical. While it is not necessary for either the family or the deceased person to profess a Christian faith, our minister is nonetheless a Christian minister, and as such will lead the funeral from the perspective of a Christian faith.

Questions regarding music selection, readings, memorabilia displays, flowers, powerpoint presentations, and the appropriate inclusion of RSL and other civic ceremonies, can be clarified when the family meets with the minister.

Costs

We recognise that funeral costs can be high, and our aim is certainly not to make a profit out of your time of grief. We do, however, ask for a contribution towards the ongoing work of the church. If there are special requests for the service that are outside of the normal operating parameters of the congregation, an additional fee will be negotiated to help assist with the expense.

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| - use of church | \$150 |
| - honorarium for minister (if using Rev Kath, the fee is passed on to the church) | \$150 |
| - honorarium for volunteer audio person | \$60 |

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| - honorarium for volunteer computer/data projector person | \$60 |
| - honorarium for volunteer organist | \$80 |
| - hire of church hall for refreshments after service (hall only – 3 hrs) | \$60 |
| - catering for refreshments (approx \$7/person) | |

