

Memorial Services at Christ Church

A memorial service is very similar to a funeral service except that the body of the deceased is not present. The service can be held close to the time of death or weeks or months later. This gives families time to plan and to gather at a convenient time; this is especially helpful if there are overseas connections involved.

A photo of the deceased can be placed in the sanctuary of the church together with flowers. The service proceeds in a similar fashion to a funeral except that there is no committal to be buried or cremated at the conclusion of the service.

There are a number of possibilities available to families: one option is to have a private cremation a fortnight or so before the memorial and then at the end of the memorial service in the church the interment of the ashes can take place in our Garden of Remembrance with a short but meaningful separate ceremony. This could be followed by refreshments in our Old Vicarage Parish Centre if desired. Other options can be discussed with the priest who will officiate at the memorial.

Generally, at least a week's notice is needed for memorial services. This allows time to plan the service, to choose readings, music and prayers and for eulogies to be prepared.

Please read the download on preparing for a funeral at Christ Church for general information.

Please make initial enquiries to the Parish Office.

