CHRIST CHURCH NORTH ADELAIDE

A PERSONAL GUIDE

# Planning My Funeral

A place to record the people, prayers and practical wishes that matter to you.

This booklet helps those close to you and the parish have a thoughtful conversation when the time comes. It is a guide to your wishes, not a booking or a prepaid funeral plan.

**Name** _____

**Date completed** _____

**Date last reviewed** _____

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# How to use this booklet

You may complete as much or as little as you wish. Talk through your choices with the people who will arrange your funeral, and with a priest if you would find that helpful. Leave room for those who love you to make decisions when the time comes.

A funeral at Christ Church is Christian worship. We give thanks for a person's life, pray in sorrow and proclaim the hope of resurrection in Jesus Christ. The priest will plan the service with your family and chosen funeral director, using the Anglican tradition and the Book of Common Prayer.

## Keep it where it can be found

Give a copy to the person likely to make arrangements. Tell them where the current copy is kept. You may also offer a copy to the Parish Office for confidential parish use. Review it whenever your circumstances or wishes change.

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This booklet does not replace a will, an advance care directive, registration for organ donation or an agreement with a funeral director. Please make those arrangements through the appropriate people and services.

## When the time comes

A family member or funeral director may contact the Parish Office or Rector before every detail has been settled. Please confirm the date, location, clergy, music and fees before making commitments to others.

**Parish Office** (08) 8267 2673 • office@ccna.asn.au
35 Palmer Place, North Adelaide SA 5006

YOUR WISHES

# People to contact

**My full name and any other name I use**

**Date of birth and current address**

**First person to contact: name, relationship and phone**

**Another person to contact: name, relationship and phone**

**Person I expect to arrange my funeral, if different**

“Next of kin” and the person who makes arrangements may not be the same. Discuss your wishes with the people named here.

YOUR WISHES

# Pastoral care near the end of life

If I am seriously ill or approaching death, I would like the following Christian pastoral care, if possible:

**My wishes**

- ☐ Priest to visit
- ☐ Prayer
- ☐ Holy Communion
- ☐ Anointing
- ☐ Discuss later

**My parish, chaplain or preferred priest and contact details**

**A second person to contact if they cannot be reached**

If I cannot speak for myself, please tell the priest about these wishes. The priest will discuss the form of care with me or those caring for me, as circumstances allow.

## Organ or body donation

**I have made separate arrangements for**

- ☐ Organ donation
- ☐ Body donation
- ☐ Neither

**Where the relevant registration or documents can be found**

This records where to find your decision; it does not register or authorise donation. Tell those arranging the funeral and the relevant medical or donation service.

YOUR WISHES

# Practical funeral wishes

**Preferred funeral director, if any, and contact details**

**My preference**

☐ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ I have not decided

**Cemetery, crematorium, existing grave or other arrangements**

**Wishes for ashes or a memorial, if applicable**

**Where I would like the funeral service to take place**

**Other practical wishes, including a gathering afterwards**

## Christ Church Memorial Garden

If you would like your ashes interred in the Memorial Garden, or would like a memorial plaque, ask the Parish Office about eligibility, availability, reservations and arrangements.

These are preferences for discussion, subject to availability and the decisions of those arranging the funeral. For current parish funeral prices, contact the Parish Office. The funeral director can explain their own charges.

YOUR WISHES

# A service at Christ Church

The Rector or another priest will speak with those arranging the funeral about the service. The Church's prayers and Scripture give the funeral its shape. The family can also share memories and choose suitable music and personal elements with the priest.

**I would value**

- ☐ A service in church
- ☐ Holy Communion, if appropriate
- ☐ A choir, if available
- ☐ Discussion of another setting
- ☐ An organist, if available
- ☐ A simple service

**A priest I would particularly like contacted, if available**

**What matters most to me about the Christian service**

Clergy, musicians, venue arrangements and any additional charges must be confirmed with the parish. A preference recorded here does not reserve them.

YOUR WISHES

# Bible readings and music

A Bible reading is part of every funeral service at Christ Church; it does not have to be from a Gospel. You may name favourite passages or themes. The priest will help your family choose a reading that suits the service. Suggestions appear near the end of this booklet.

**Bible passages or psalms I would like considered**

**Hymns or other music I would like considered**

**People who might read or contribute music, after asking them**

Music and readings used in the church are discussed with the priest and, where relevant, the Director of Music. Choices may affect fees, copyright permissions and preparation time.

YOUR WISHES

# People and memories

The funeral may include a tribute or eulogy, alongside the prayers, Scripture and address. What would you like the priest and those close to you to know?

**People who might speak, if they are willing**

**Stories, relationships, places or work that have shaped my life**

**Anything I hope will be said, or treated with particular care**

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# Other wishes and remembrance

**Other instructions or hopes I would like to share**

## Care after the funeral

Christ Church offers pastoral conversation and prayer after a funeral. It also remembers those whose funerals have been held here near the anniversary of their death. The parish should ask the family whom they wish to receive any invitation and whether they want those emails to continue.

**Anyone my family may wish to speak with about pastoral support**

This entry does not subscribe another person to messages. The parish will confirm their preference with them.

YOUR WISHES

# Share and review your wishes

I have discussed this booklet with, or given a copy to:

**Name and relationship**

**Name and relationship**

**Where the current copy is kept**

**A parish copy**

- [ ] Discuss leaving a copy with Christ Church
- [ ] No parish copy at present

I understand that these wishes guide a conversation. The people arranging the funeral and the priest will need to confirm the final arrangements.

**Signed (optional) and date**

Please do not submit private medical or family details through a general website enquiry form or an ordinary email. Contact the Parish Office to arrange a suitable way to share the completed booklet.

FOR CONVERSATION

# Bible passages to consider

At least one Bible reading is required; it need not be a Gospel reading. Read the full passage before choosing. This list offers suggestions, and the priest can suggest others.

**Psalm 23**
The Lord is my shepherd

**Psalm 121**
My help comes from the Lord

**Isaiah 40:28–31**
God gives strength to the weary

**Romans 8:31–39**
Nothing can separate us from God’s love

**1 Corinthians 15:20–26**
Christ is raised; death will be defeated

**1 Corinthians 15:51–57**
Death is swallowed up in victory

**Revelation 21:1–7**
God makes all things new

**John 11:25–27**
I am the resurrection and the life

**John 14:1–6, 27**
Let not your heart be troubled

References should be checked against the readings and service form agreed with the priest before printing an order of service.

FOR CONVERSATION

# Hymns to consider

These are familiar possibilities. You may suggest other hymns or music for discussion with the priest and Director of Music.

- Abide with me
- Amazing grace
- Be still, my soul
- For all the saints
- Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- The King of love my shepherd is
- The Lord’s my shepherd
- Thine be the glory
- When human voices cannot sing

## To begin a conversation

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