Funerals at St Luke's and Christ Church

We offer our condolences to you if you have recently lost a loved one. This will be a very sad and difficult time. Funerals are a very important way of marking the close of a human life on earth. They are an opportunity for friends and family to express their grief, to gather up the threads of the life of the deceased, to give thanks for them and to commend them to God's keeping. The words and actions of the funeral service all speak of a loving God and the preciousness to him of every human being. As Christians, we believe that death marks not the end of life, but a new beginning as we move from earthly life to a greater life with God.

When someone close to you has just died, arranging a funeral may not feel the easiest thing to do. We are here to help. Whatever pattern of service you want, whether in church, crematorium or burial, we can help you. We also have a Garden of Remembrance in the gardens of both churches, where loose ashes may be interred.

If you would like a service in church then the first people to speak to are the clergy. If you do not belong to a particular church, after registering the death, the funeral director of your choice can tell you which parish you belong to and put you in touch with the vicar. If yours is the parish of St Luke's and Christ Church, or if you have a connection to this church, then please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to meet the clergy.

If you would like a service in a crematorium or cemetery, please do not book a date at the crematorium or cemetery until you have agreed a date and time with the clergy, otherwise they may not be available.

In November, we will invite you to our All Souls Service where the names of those who have died will be read out. In the context of a beautifully sung choral Evensong (at St Luke's) or requiem mass (at Christ Church), it is another chance for you to reflect on your loved ones.

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parishoffice@chelseaparish.org

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Template for a Funeral Service

Entrance Music
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Welcome and Opening Prayer

(Hymn)
???

(Reading)
???

(Tribute)
???

(Music for Reflection)
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Reading from the Bible
???

Homily
The Reverend ....

(Hymn/Music for Reflection)
???

Prayers

concluding with
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;

thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Commendation

The Committal

The Blessing

Recessional Music
???

Music

Hymns

Please take the division below as a guide, which simply recognises the different mood and feel that often exists at funerals and memorial or thanksgiving services. You are most welcome to choose a hymn from the other list. If you would like to choose a hymn not mentioned on the list, please contact the clergyperson who is taking your service. There are often various sets of words for hymns circulating on the internet; most of these hymns are in the New English Hymnal, and we use the words given in that book.

Particularly suitable for funerals
Abide with me
And did those feet (Jerusalem)
Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Guide me, O thou great redeemer
He who would valiant be
Immortal, invisible
I vow to thee, my country
Lord of all hopefulness
Love divine, all loves excelling
Make me a channel of your peace
Now thank we all our God
O Jesus, I have promised
The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended
The Lord's my shepherd

Particularly suitable for memorial and thanksgiving services
All my hope on God is founded
All things bright and beautiful
At the name of Jesus
For all the saints
For the beauty of the earth
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Lead us heavenly father, lead us
I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)
Morning has broken
My song is love unknown
Now thank we all our God
O Thou who camest from above
Tell out my soul
The church's one foundation
The King of love my shepherd is

Anthems

As with the hymn list above, the division below is simply a guide which recognises the different mood and feel that often exists at funerals and memorial or thanksgiving services. You are most welcome to choose an anthem from the other list. If you would like to choose an anthem not mentioned on the list, please contact the clergyperson who is taking your service.

Particularly suitable for funerals (for choir unless stated otherwise)

Bach *Bist du bei mir* (Soprano soloist)
Bainton *And I saw a new heaven*
Bruckner *Locus iste*
Byrd *Ave verum*
Duruflé *Pie Jesu* (from *Requiem*) (Mezzo-soprano soloist)
Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racine*
Fauré *In paradisum* (from *Requiem*)
Fauré *Libera me* (from *Requiem*) (Bass soloist and choir)
Fauré *Pie Jesu* (from *Requiem*) (Soprano soloist)
Harris *Faire is the heaven*
C. H. Lloyd *The Lord is my shepherd*
Richard Lloyd *Nunc dimittis 'St Hild' Service*
Mozart *Ave verum*
Noble *Nunc dimittis in A minor*
Parry *Never weather-beaten sail*
Purcell *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*
Rutter *Gaelic Blessing*
Walford Davies *God be in my head*
Watson *Nunc dimittis in E*
Wesley *Lead me, Lord*

Particularly suitable for memorial and thanksgiving services (choir unless stated otherwise)
Bach/Gounod *Ave Maria* (Soprano soloist)
Brahms *Geistliches Lied*
Brahms *How lovely are Thy dwellings*
Fauré *Sanctus* (from *Requiem*)
Franck *Panis angelicus*
Harris *Bring us, O Lord God*
Mendelssohn *O for the wings of a dove* (Soprano soloist and choir)
Mozart *Laudate Dominum* (Soprano soloist and choir)
Rutter *For the beauty of the earth*
Rutter *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Schubert *Ave Maria* (Soprano soloist)
Stainer *God so loved the world*
Stanford *Beati quorum via*
Stanford *Justorum animae*
Tallis *If ye love me*
Wesley *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*

Organ music

Please do not worry if you are unsure on these options: the organist from the relevant church will be happy to name suitable pieces.

Funerals

Bach	*Alle Menschen müssen sterben*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2ziN9eEsds
Elgar	*The Angel's Farewell (The Dream of Gerontius)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pql5mIqXfBM
Handel	*Largo (Xerxes)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaT7rzhcrxw
Haydn	*Trumpet Concerto (2nd movt)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ab9ti35ZTI
Massenet	*Le dernier sommeil (La Vierge)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlH2MiIYG3E
Mendelssohn	*O rest in the Lord (Elijah)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaOz0fm-dI4
Mozart	*Clarinet Concerto (2nd movt)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euPjgGTUzJY
Schubert	*Adagio (String Quintet)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5hPdIhTrd4
Whitlock	*Fidelis*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HolyYG0mc3Q

Memorial and thanksgiving services

Bach	*Vor deinem Thron*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0zlPEEeBbc
Elgar	*Nimrod (Enigma Variations)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWm7HYzO-Lg
Grieg	*Sarabande (Holberg Suite)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UZNPZyrNlM
Handel	*La Rejouissance (Fireworks Music)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szi0T-ydu1s
Karg-Elert	*Nun danket alle Gott*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIsp8_ZYnjI
Mascagni	*Intermezzo (Cavalleria Rusticana)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sw9efeUJng
Mendelssohn	*Song without words (Op. 102, no. 6)*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7a47CkWxjoQ
Thalben-Ball	*Elegy*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDWZb_jbv1I
Wesley	*Air and Gavotte*
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05EwD7DpY6Q

Florists and Printers

Flowers at St Luke's and Christ Church

Flowers MUST be arranged by one of the following florists:

Sarah Phillipps – 07881 520933 sarahphillippsflowers@googlemail.com

Amanda Austin Flowers Ltd - 020 7351 3151 – 490a King's Road, Chelsea SW10 0LF www.amandaaustinflowers.co.uk

Sophie Hanna Flowers Ltd – 020 7720 0841- Arch 48, New Covent Garden, Vauxhall, SW8 5PP. 07973 814886 sophie@sophiehannaflowers.com – www.sophiehannaflowers.com

Mary Jane Vaughan Designs 020 7385 8400 - 6G Hewlett House, 5 Havelock Terrace, SW8 4AS maryjane@maryjanevaughan.co.uk - www.maryjanevaughan.co.uk

Joan Holdsworth – 020 7351 5932 – 10 Christchurch Terrace, SW3 4AJ (Christ Church only)

When you have chosen your florist please let the parish office know so that we can liaise with them regarding access to the church.

Notes for Florists

Flowers **must** be arranged by one of the florists on the above list.

1. Please liaise in good time for access to the church by contacting the Parish Office on 020 7351 7365 or email parishoffice@chelseaparish.org
2. It is assumed that unless otherwise arranged, the flowers will remain in church for the following Sunday. However, in Advent and Lent, all flowers must be removed before the Sunday.
3. No flowers or extra candles are to be placed on the altar, the font or the pulpit.
4. Please ensure that aisles and passageways are not blocked and that those parts of the church used for the service are not obscured by flowers.
5. If the chancel walls at St Luke's are decorated, please do not let water spill on the stonework, and make sure that access to the lectern is not obstructed. Our troughs must be used. Flowers at this point need to be kept low so that the bride and groom can be seen at the altar.
6. No drawing pins are to be used
7. If candelabra are used, suitable matting must be placed underneath to prevent wax damaging the floors.
8. Do not attach anything inside or outside the churches that will damage their fabric in any way.

Printers

You may choose your own printers, but those listed below regularly do weddings, memorial services, etc. at St Luke's and Christ Church.

Kall Kwik – 020 7351 3133 - 376 King's Road SW3 5UZ www.kallkwik.co.uk/chelsea/

The Wren Press - 020 7351 5887 - 1 Curzon Street, London W1J 5HD wrenpress.co.uk/

Gee Brothers - 020 7228 4081 - 221 St John's Hill, Battersea, London SW11 1TH

geebrothers.co.uk/

Readings

Old Testament and Apocrypha Readings

Job 19.23-27

'O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Isaiah 61.1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Lamentations 3.22-26,31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
For the Lord will not
reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Wisdom 3.1-5,9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Ecclesiasticus 38.16-23

My child, let your tears fall for the dead,
and as one in great pain begin the lament.
Lay out the body with due ceremony,
and do not neglect the burial.
Let your weeping be bitter and your wailing fervent;
make your mourning worthy of the departed,
for one day, or two, to avoid criticism;
then be comforted for your grief.
For grief may result in death,
and a sorrowful heart saps one's strength.
When a person is taken away, sorrow is over;
but the life of the poor weighs down the heart.
Do not give your heart to grief;
drive it away, and remember your own end.
Do not forget, there is no coming back;
you do the dead no good, and you injure yourself.

Remember his fate, for yours is like it;
  yesterday it was his, and today it is yours.
When the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest too,
  and be comforted for him when his spirit has departed.

Psalms
Psalm 6
Psalm 23
Psalm 25
Psalm 27
Psalm 32
Psalm 38.9-end
Psalm 42
Psalm 90
Psalm 116
Psalm 118.4-end
Psalm 121
Psalm 130
Psalm 139

New Testament Readings

John 6.35-40
Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

John 11.17-27
When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

John 14.1-6
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Romans 8.31-end
What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

> 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.42-58
So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it

is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'
'Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Revelation 21.1-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Caterers used at St Luke's and Christ Church

Julie's Catering 07956986166
Julie Clancy juliec370@aol.com
(St Luke's & Christ Church Caterer)

Chilli Bees 020 8946 3311
www.chillibeescatering.co.uk

All in Hand Catering 020 7993 4886
07739 564072
www.allinhandcatering.co.uk

Fees (2026)

Statutory Fee for Funeral in church followed by Cremation/Burial	£281.00
Or Cremation Service Fee	£244.00
Verger (if funeral in church)	£100.00
Travel Expenses (if clergy travel to Cemetery/Crematorium)	£25.00
Heating in Church (seasonal)	£250.00
Marquee on church grounds *(extra administration may incur additional charges)*	£1,000.00

MUSICIANS' FEES ***(payable in advance by bank transfer)***	
Director of music (with choir)	£300.00
Organist	£250.00
Organist only (no choir)	£300.00
Soloist	£200.00 each
Choir	£115.00 per singer

ST LUKE'S VESTRY BOOKING if required after the event (subject to availability)	
	£90 per hour

- If the service is videoed, Equity/Musicians Union requires that the musicians' and choir members' fees are doubled.
- If the service is sound recorded, Equity/Musicians Union requires that the musicians' and choir members' fees are increased by 50%.
- Other musicians' fees are negotiable depending on your requirements.
- Even if visiting clergy are conducting the service, or if you bring your own organist, the fees remain the same.