

We do not believe in 'one size fits all' funerals or 'packages'. Everyone is different and therefore each funeral should be, at least in some way. We can work with you to arrange meaningful and personal funerals ranging from the simplest non-attended cremations to the most elaborate ceremonies in traditional or more modern settings. We have also set out our funeral options below as a guide, but these are by no means exhaustive.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to have a chat either on 01622 746688, 01233 650746, or by email on info@albany-funerals.co.uk.

Standard funeral services

Example of the full price of a funeral based on a cremation at Vinters Park and Charing Crematorium, including our fees, with a Celebrant and a traditional coffin.

	Cremation	Our fee	Coffin	Doctors' fees	Minister/Celebrant	Total
Vinters Park	£710	£2,200	£350	£164	£225	£3,549
Charing	£975	£2,200	£350	£164	£225	£3,814

Our Professional Fee

What it includes:

- Collection of the person who has died within working hours
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Advice and support to the family or friends
- Provision of legal and administrative services and required documentation for the funeral, liaising with all parties, including clergy, celebrants, hospital staff, crematoria and burial personnel, and coroners if applicable
- Arrangement of date and time of the funeral to suit the applicants
- On-line obituary and donations page on our website if required
- Provision of a professional Funeral Conductor, 4 pallbearers and our Jaguar hearse on the day of the funeral
- Payment of third-party costs
- Storage of ashes until needed

What it does not include:

- Visits to our chapel of rest on appointment (£75)
- Flowers (coffin sprays from £120)

- Orders of service (usually £2.50 per copy printed)
- Live musicians (prices on request)
- Limousines (please add £275 per car)
- A funeral at two separate venues (i.e. Church, then crematorium) please add £200
- Funerals over 4 hours will be subject to a small additional charge
- Collection of the person who has died out of hours or out of area (please add £250)
- Organist (usually between £80-£100)
- Obituary notices (usually between £70-£100)

Coffins

Our prices range from £350 for a traditional oak veneer coffin, from £250 for a cardboard coffin, and from £570 for a natural willow type coffin. Please see a selection of coffins on the Products page of our website.

Third-party fees ('Disbursements')

These are all the fees that we pay on your behalf to simplify the process, we then invoice you for these and our fees together.

Doctors' fees - £82

For a cremation, it is required that a doctor that cared for the person who has died during their illness provides certification of death. The paperwork is then checked by another doctor. They charge £82 each.

This fee is not needed if the coroner orders a Post-Mortem, or for a burial. Currently, due to recent Coronavirus legislation, only one doctor is required, so the fee is £82 instead of £164.

Cremation fees

Fees vary from one crematorium to another. Listed below are all the prices for a standard weekday 'single slot' service time. Earlier morning slots cost on average £200 less.

Vinters Park Crematorium	£710
30 minutes slot	
Charing Crematorium	£975
30 minutes slot	
Garden of England Crematorium	£795
45 minutes slot	
Medway Crematorium	£720
45 minutes slot	
Kent & Sussex Crematorium	£820
30 minutes slot	
Hawkinge Crematorium	£999
45 minutes slot	
Barham Crematorium	£975
30 minutes slot	
Thames View Crematorium	£795
45 minutes slot	

Burial Fees

Maidstone Cemetery	£1,400
Medway Cemetery	£1,790
Bybrook & Willesborough Cemeteries, Ashford	£1,240
Tenterden Cemetery	£1,240
Riverview Natural Burial Ground	£1,375
Eden Valley Natural Burial Ground	£1,215

These prices are based on a plot with exclusive rights for 30 years, including the interment fee for single depth for residents in that particular area. Please note that the Natural Burial grounds charge a flat rate for residents or non-residents of the area, and will usually offer a longer term for exclusive rights.

Minister/Celebrant Fee

Celebrant Fee - £225 - £350

A celebrant is a professional person who will work with you to prepare and perform the ceremony to celebrate and honour the life of the person who has died.

This will include suggestions of readings, poems, hymns and music and other personal rituals. We have a number of different celebrants that we work with and can recommend to you.

Minister Fee - £227

+ Church fees if service in church proceeding or following the cremation or burial. Church fees can vary from around £250 - £500.

Other funeral services

Simple direct cremation £1,500

This is a cremation with no service at the crematorium. This does not mean that you cannot have a ceremony elsewhere either with or without the ashes present at a later date or on the same day. This opens up a host of other venues if you are able to compromise on not having the coffin present.

This includes:

- Collection and care of the person who has died within working hours¹
- Doctors' fees
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our attended funeral services
- On-line obituary and donations page on our website if required
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium in a funeral vehicle
- Cremation fee at our nearest crematorium
- Timber effect coffin
- Storage of ashes until needed

This does not include:

- Attendance at the crematorium
- Funeral conductor or traditional funeral cortege
- Visits to our chapel of rest (£75)

Albany direct cremation £1,800

This is very similar to the above option but with added touches to make it feel more like our traditional funeral.

This includes:

- Collection and care of the person who has died within working hours¹
- Doctors' fees
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our attended funeral services
- On-line obituary and donations page on our website if required
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium in our Jaguar Hearse
- Cremation fee at our nearest crematorium
- Traditional oak veneer coffin
- Funeral conductor and 4 pallbearers
- Storage of ashes until needed

This does not include:

- Attendance at the crematorium
- Visits to our chapel of rest (£75)

¹ Our fee for the collection of the person who has died out of hours is £250. For out of area, the fee will be calculated on mileage.

Small vigil at our premises £2,500

Formality is not always right for everyone. Getting together, sharing stories, listening to much loved songs and reminiscing about the person who has died can be just as therapeutic. We leave you our space for the time you need for a maximum of 10 people. You can choose to have the coffin present or not. You are welcome to bring refreshments and music, and we can supply tea and coffee.

This includes:

- Collection and care of the person who has died within working hours¹
- Doctors' fees
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- Liaising with third parties such as celebrants, florists, printers, musicians etc
- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our more traditional funeral services
- On-line obituary and donations page on our website if required
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium the next morning in our Jaguar Hearse
- Cremation fee at our nearest crematorium
- Oak veneer coffin or similar
- Set up of the space as required
- Storage of ashes until needed
- Tea and coffee

This does not include:

- Flowers
- Provision of formal music choices
- Celebrant
- Refreshments other than tea or coffee

Small service at our premises £2,900

This is perfect for those wanting a more intimate ceremony. The cremation then takes place early the next morning unattended. Our calm and comfortable space can be set up formally or informally and the coffin can be present or not. We can cater for a maximum of 10 people at our Maidstone premises and up to 25 in Ashford.

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- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our more traditional funeral services
- On-line obituary and donations page on our website if required
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium the next morning in our Jaguar Hearse
- Cremation fee at our nearest crematorium
- Oak veneer coffin or similar
- Set up of the space as required
- Celebrant fee
- Music for the service
- Storage of ashes until needed

This does not include:

- Refreshments
- Flowers
- Orders of service (approximately £2.50 per copy)

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue followed by a cremation

We work with local venues that provide beautiful environments for full funeral services. Each venue has its own pricing structure, but we try to keep the costs on a parr with a standard funeral at the crematorium with a double slot for extra time. This option gives you a lot more space and time for a formal or informal ceremony.

Price examples

Funeral at Bilsington Priory, near Ashford Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake Our Professional fee Standard oak veneer coffin Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues Doctors' fees Celebrant fee Unattended cremation fee	£400 £2,200 £350 £200 £164 £225 £383
Funeral at Bradbourne House, West Malling Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake Our Professional fee Standard oak veneer coffin Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues Doctors' fees Celebrant fee Unattended cremation fee	£3,922 £750 £2,200 £350 £200 £164 £225 £383 £4,272
Funeral at Little Silver Country Hotel, Tenterden Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake Our Professional fee Standard oak veneer coffin Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues Doctors' fees Celebrant fee Unattended cremation fee	£350 £2,200 £350 £200 £164 £225 £383 £3,872
Funeral at Kentfield Estate, West Malling Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake Our Professional fee Standard oak veneer coffin Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues Doctors' fees Celebrant fee Unattended cremation fee	£750 £2,200 £350 £200 £164 £225 £383 £4,272

Refreshments can be supplied at all of these venues and prices/menus can be discussed directly with them.

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- Doctors' fees
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- Liaising with third parties such as celebrants, florists, printers, musicians etc
- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our more traditional funeral services
- On-line obituary and donations page on our website if required
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium the next morning in our Jaguar Hearse
- Cremation fee at our nearest crematorium
- Oak veneer coffin or similar
- Set up of the space as required
- Celebrant fee
- Music for the service
- Storage of ashes until needed

This does not include:

- Refreshments
- Flowers
- Orders of service (approximately £2.50 per copy)
- Photo slideshows (£95)
- Live Musicians (prices on request)

Prices are based on an unattended cremation service after the ceremony but can be adjusted to include a full committal service on request.

These services can also be followed by a burial which can be attended or unattended. As cemetery fees vary, to get an idea of prices, please substitute the cremation fee with the your choice of cemetery:

Maidstone Cemetery	£1,400
Medway Cemetery	£1,790
Bybrook & Willesborough Cemeteries, Ashford	£1,240
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Prices for other venues on request.

Additional funeral costs

Our services

Local out of hours collection of the person who has died	£250
Collection of the person who has died out of area (London hospitals). Prices on request for other locations	£250
Arrangement of ashes interment or scattering separately	£95
Attendance at local ashes interment or scattering	£95
Attendance of staff at two separate funeral venues ²	£200
Additional professional fee for a Saturday funeral	£550
Reception of coffin into home/church during office hours	£250
Reception of coffin into home/church outside office hours	£350
Repatriations	Price on request
Jaguar limousine (seats up to 6 people, excluding driver)	£275
Floral hearse	£250
Horse drawn carriage	From £850 (for 2 horses)
Alternative funeral vehicles	Price on request

² Funerals over 4 hours will be subject to a small additional charge

Additional venue fees

Webcast at Crematoria (live and watch again)	Vinters Park Charing Barham Medway Kent & Sussex Garden of England Thamesview	£50 £60 £60 £45 £82 £55 £55
Visual tributes at Crematoria (25 photos to music)	Vinters Park Charing Barham Medway Kent & Sussex Garden of England Thamesview	£60 £65 £65 £72 £80 £92 £92
Live streaming of services in Churches or other venues	From £500	
Additional time in the crematorium chapel	Vinters Park Charing Barham Medway Kent & Sussex Garden of England Thamesview Hawkinge	£280 £390 £390 £255 £315 £365 £365 £999

Miscellaneous extras

Obituary notice in local press From £70

Obituary notice in national press Price on request

On-line obituary notice and donations page on our website Included in our professional fee

Orders of service Approx. £2.50 per copy

Framed A4 photo £25

Unframed A4 photo £10

Canvas photo £30 - 12"x12"

£35 - 12"x16"

Photo slide show to music prepared by us for alternative £95

Venues and use of projector

Flowers – Coffin sprays³

Small (3 ft) £120 Approx £150 Approx Medium (4 ft)

£180 Large (5 ft)

Other tributes Prices available on request

Dove release £120 for first dove, then £20 per dove

³ Flowers: please note that if roses are predominant, the cost is usually a little higher

Coffin Prices

Traditional coffins

Albany	Standard oak veneer coffin	£350
Hastings	Limewashed oak effect veneer coffin	£450
Cambridge	Elm effect veneer coffin	£450
Longsdale	Mahogany effect veneer coffin	£450
Collingwood	Cherry effect veneer coffin	£450
Arran	Dark oak effect veneer coffin	£450
Harewood	Mahogany effect raised lid coffin.	£490
lpswich	Elm effect mahogany effect raised lid coffin	£490
Radcliffe	Limed oak effect raised lid coffin	£490
Carlisle	Oak style veneer coffin with double mould	£520
Whitby	Oak veneer style coffin with matching moulds	£520
Melrose	Oak style veneer coffin with pretty panels	£520
Edinburgh	Elm style veneer coffin with moulds and raised lid	£610
Ullswater	Oak style veneer coffin with file gilt panels	£610
Jedburgh	Mahogany style veneer coffin with raised lid	£610
Hamworth	Solid redwood timber coffin	£750
Oakham	Solid oak coffin with moulds	£750
Collingwood	Solid oak coffin with feature panels	£950
Oval	Walnut	£740
Oval	Maple	£740
Oxford	Coloured coffins on request	£590
Brighton	Solid pine with natural polish	£550

Natural coffins

Bamboo Eco £500 Pandanus £570 Banana Leaf £570 Willow Cromer light £610 Willow Highsted £590 Rainbow Willow £700 **English Willow Round** £725 Natural woven loom £600 Natural woven coco £570 Natural woven bamboo £590 Natural woven banana £590 Natural woven willow £600 Natural woven cane £570 Natural woven seagrass £570 Natural woven bamboo £590 Natural legacy wool £680

Cardboard coffins

Plain cardboard £250

White cardboard £350

Picture cardboard from £550

Heritage timber effect enviroboard £300

Heritage coloured enviroboard £300

Scattertubes £30