

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 a meaningful and personal funeral ranging from the simplest non-attended cremations to the most elaborate bespoke ceremonies in traditional funeral or more alternative settings. We have also set out our funeral options below as a guide, but these are by no means exhaustive.

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Traditional funeral service

The table below shows the price of a funeral based on a standard cremation at Vinters Park or Charing Crematorium, including our fees, a celebrant or religious minister, a traditional veneer coffin and the necessary third-party fees which we pay on your behalf. These services are totally bespoke and can be tailored exactly to your wishes. You can opt for other crematoria/churches, add other vehicles, flowers, orders of service as required. For a full list of what our professional fee covers please see the next page.

	Our professional fee	Cremation fee	Minister/Celebrant fee	Standard coffin	Total
Vinters Park Crematorium	£2,500	£927	£260	£575	£4,262
Charing Crematorium	£2,500	£1,425*	£260	£575	£4,760

* Fees at Charing Crematorium vary depending on the time and days of the week of the service. This shows the most expensive price.

What our fee covers

- Collection of the person who has died within working hours (9 am - 5 pm)
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died for up to 21 days (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, there will be a daily charge of £10)
- Washing and dressing of the person
- Advice and support to the family or friends as needed
- Provision of legal and administrative services and required documentation for the funeral, liaising with all parties, including clergy, celebrants, hospital staff, Registrars, crematoria and cemetery personnel, and coroners officers if applicable
- Arrangement of date and time of the funeral to suit the applicants
- Provision of a professional Funeral Conductor, 4 pallbearers and our Jaguar hearse on the day of the funeral
- Payment on your behalf of third-party costs known as funeral 'disbursements'
- Storage of cremated remains until needed, if appropriate

What our fee does **not** cover

- Visits to our chapel of rest on appointment (£75 or £150 for multiple visits)
- Collection of the person who has died out of hours (please add £250), or out of area (fee will be calculated on mileage)
- A funeral at two separate venues (i.e. Church, then crematorium) please add £250
- Longer funerals over 4 hours will be subject to a small additional charge
- Limousines (please add £325 per car)
- Coffin (Our prices range from £575 for a traditional oak veneer coffin, from £300 for a cardboard coffin, and from £650 for a natural willow type coffin).
- Flowers (coffin sprays from £160)
- Orders of service (usually £3 per copy printed)
- Organist (usually between £100 - £150)
- Live musicians (prices on request)
- Obituary notices (usually between £80-£100)

Third-party fees (disbursements)

‘Disbursements’ are all the funeral costs for services which are not directly provided by us such as cremation or burial fees, celebrant/church fees etc. To make things easier, we pay these providers on your behalf and add their costs to our invoice.

Cremation fees

Fees can vary widely from one crematorium to another, so it is well worth comparing prices if you do not have a set idea of where you want to go. Listed below are all the prices for a standard weekday ‘single slot’ service time, the actual time you are allocated in the chapel, and a cheaper option for early morning, shorter services.

Crematoria	Full slot fee	Time in chapel	Early morning shorter service fee
Vinters Park	£927	45 mins	£575
Charing	£1,425	40 mins	£850
Garden of England	£990	45 mins	£735
Medway	£855	45 mins	£650
Thamesview	£990	45 mins	£735
Kent and Sussex	£1,040	45 mins	£840
Hawkinge	£1,425	45 mins	£825
Barham	£1,425	40 mins	£850
Memoria Faversham	£995	40 mins	£905
Herne Bay	£1,425	40 mins	£850

Third-party fees (disbursements)

Celebrant fees

A celebrant is a person who officiates funeral services outside of religious frameworks. They will work with you in an inclusive way to craft and deliver the funeral ceremony, centered on the person who has died. You will get as much or as little input as you wish. 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. Their fees are set by them, and do vary slightly.

£260 - £300

Church fees

If you would like a church minister to officiate the service at the crematorium, we can arrange this. If the funeral takes place in a church, there will be additional fees to cover heating, vergers fees etc. The average church fees for a funeral service in a church are around £450.

£255- £600

Flowers

We work closely with hand-picked local florists that we trust. We know their prices are competitive and that they are scrupulous in sourcing the best quality flowers. If you prefer to supply your own flowers, or use a specific florist please just let us know.

From £80

Other fees

We can supply professionally designed and printed order of service booklets, musicians, other forms of transport and other additional services as required.

From £3 per copy

Burial fees

These prices are based on single-depth graves with exclusive rights for 30 years, including the interment fee for residents of the area. The interment fee if you would like a double or treble depth will be higher. 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.

Cemetery	Fee
Maidstone Cemetery	£3,000
Medway Cemeteries	£2,350
Ashford Council Cemeteries	£1,660
Tenterden Cemetery	£1,660
Riverview Natural Burial Ground	£2,250
Eden Valley Natural Burial Ground	£2,895

These fees can substitute the cremation fees to estimate the overall costs. Usually cemeteries and burial grounds require a temporary grave marker at the time of burial (solid wood £65), and unless you want a graveside burial, you might need to include the cost of a venue to hold the service. Some cemeteries have chapels but not many. Crematorium chapels, churches or other venues can be used.

Simple Direct Cremation

This is a cremation with no presence at the crematorium. This does not rule out having some kind of ceremony elsewhere either with or without the ashes present at a later date or on the same day. Some families do not wish to hold a ceremony at all.

Our direct cremations are carried out with all the care, dignity and support for the family as our traditional funerals.

As the person who has died will be cared for in our onsite mortuary, visits to our chapel of rest can be added for an additional cost of £75. Please note that some Direct Cremation companies do not allow this as they operate on a national level, using specific crematoria on a large scale. Hence their attractive prices.

Please note that if you have a wish for a specific crematorium to be used, this may incur a cost difference as the charges for this service vary widely from one crematorium to another.

£1,700

This includes:

- Collection of the person who has died within working hours (9 am - 5 pm) from a local hospital mortuary
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died for up to 21 days (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, there will be a daily charge of £10)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our traditional funeral services
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements for the cremation
- Arrangement of date and time of the cremation to suit the applicants
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium in a private ambulance
- Cremation fee at Vinters Park Crematorium (an uplift might be added if a particular crematorium is preferred)
- A standard Timber effect coffin (an uplift can be paid for alternative coffin choices)
- Storage of ashes until needed if appropriate

This does **not** include:

- Collection of the person who has died out of hours (please add £250)
- Collection of the person who has died during working hours from a care facility or residential address (please add £150)
- Collection of the person who has died out of area (fee will be calculated on mileage)
- Attendance inside the chapel at the crematorium
- Funeral conductor or traditional funeral cortege
- Visits to our chapel of rest (£75)

Albany Direct Cremation

This is very similar to the Simple Direct Cremation with the added provision of a Funeral Conductor and our Jaguar hearse to make it feel more like one of our traditional funerals, particularly for those who wish to watch the cortege arrive at the crematorium. Please note that attendance inside the chapel of the crematorium is still **not** permitted.

Please note that if you have a wish for a specific crematorium to be used, this may incur a cost difference as the charges for this service vary widely from one crematorium to another.

£1,850

Small vigil at our premises

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 can provide you with our calm and comfortable space for 1 hour 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.

The coffin is then taken to the crematorium for the cremation in our Jaguar Hearse, either following on from the vigil, or the next morning as desired.

£2,950

This includes:

As for our Albany Direct Cremation with the addition of:

- Set up of the space as required
- Staff present to welcome guests and serve refreshments
- Tea and coffee on arrival
- Provision of a music speaker to play own music selection
- Transport of the coffin to the crematorium following on from the vigil in our Jaguar Hearse
- Funeral conductor and traditional funeral cortege at the crematorium
- Cremation fee for Vinters Park Crematorium (an uplift can be paid if a particular crematorium is preferred)

This does **not** include:

- Collection of the person who has died out of hours (please add £250), or out of area
- Celebrant or Minister
- Refreshments other than tea and coffee
- Attendance inside the chapel at the crematorium
- Visit to our chapel of rest (£75)

Small service at our premises

This is perfect for those wanting a more intimate and relaxed ceremony. We can provide you with our calm and comfortable space for 1 hour for a maximum of 10 people at our premises. 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. A cremation then takes place following the service, or early the next morning unattended.

£3,100

This includes:

- Collection of the person who has died within working hours (9 am - 5 pm)
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died for up to 21 days (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, there will be a daily charge of £10)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- All of the time, care and support that we offer to any of our more traditional funeral services
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- Liaising with third parties such as celebrants, florists, printers, musicians etc.
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium following on from the service in our Jaguar Hearse
- Arrangement of date and time of the service and cremation to suit the applicants
- Cremation fee at Vinters Park Crematorium (an uplift can be paid if a particular crematorium is preferred)
- Oak veneer coffin or similar (an uplift can be paid to for alternative coffin choices)
- Set up of the space as required
- Celebrant fee
- Staff present to welcome guests and serve refreshments
- Tea and coffee
- Provision of staff to play music during service
- Funeral conductor and traditional funeral cortege at the crematorium
- Storage of ashes until needed

This does **not** include:

- Collection of the person who has died out of hours (please add £250), or out of area
- Refreshments other than tea and coffee
- Attendance inside the chapel at the crematorium
- Visit to our chapel of rest (£75)

Direct cremation + chapel time

Sometimes people do not want a service at the crematorium but a direct cremation doesn't feel quite right for them either because they want to accompany their loved one to the crematorium. We now therefore offer a the option of spending some time in the crematorium chapel. There is no formal service, however family and friends can enter the chapel and sit with the coffin. Music can be played if desired through the media system.

This is the same as our Albany direct cremation, with the addition of a 20 minute weekday slot at Charing or Vinters Park Crematorium at 9.15 am.

Please note that other services cannot be added to this except a coffin upgrade and visits to our chapel of rest.

£2,700

Early cremation service

This is a good option for those who want a traditional type of service but want to keep it simple, without the full expense or a fuss of a full service. We offer a shorter early morning service at either Vinters Park or Charing crematorium at 9.15 am.

£3,500

This includes:

- Collection of the person who has died within working hours (9 am - 5 pm)
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died for up to 21 days (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, there will be a daily charge of £10)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- Liaising with third parties such as celebrants, florists, printers, musicians etc.
- Arrangement of date and time of the cremation to suit the applicants
- Provision of a professional Funeral Conductor, 4 pallbearers and our Jaguar hearse on the day of the funeral
- Cremation fee at Charing or Vinters Park Crematorium only
- A shorter 20 minute service at 9.00 am
- Celebrant/Minister fee
- Oak veneer coffin or similar (an uplift can be paid to for alternative coffin choices)
- Storage of ashes until needed

This does **not** include:

- Collection of the person who has died out of hours (please add £250), or out of area
- Visit to our chapel of rest (£75)

Please note that a limousine can **not** be added to this service.

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue

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 par 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. As prices vary from venue to venue, we have illustrated the actual cost of a service in some of the venues that we work with. If you would like to hold a funeral in a particular venue that isn't listed here, we would be very happy to investigate for you.

From £4,617

Price Example 1

FUNERAL AT BRADBOURNE HOUSE, WEST MALLING, KENT

Exclusive hire of venue and catering for the wake (from £35.70 per person)

Example of exclusive hire for funeral, wake and catering for 50 people	£1,875
Our professional fee	£2,500
Standard oak veneer coffin	£575
Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues	£250
Celebrant fee	£300
Unattended cremation fee	£392
Total	£5,892

Please note that Bradbourne House include catering costs in their fees.

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue

Price Example 2

FUNERAL AT KENTFIELD ESTATE, WEST MALLING, KENT

Exclusive hire for funeral and wake	£1,500
Our professional fee	£2,500
Standard oak veneer coffin	£575
Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues	£250
Celebrant fee	£300
Unattended cremation fee	£392
Total	£5,517

Please note that this does not include catering costs.

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue

Price Example 3

FUNERAL AT BILSINGTON PRIORY, NEAR ASHFORD KENT

Exclusive hire for funeral and wake	£600
Our professional fee	£2,500
Standard oak veneer coffin	£575
Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues	£250
Celebrant fee	£300
Unattended cremation fee	£392
Total	£4,617

Please note that this does not include catering costs.

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue

Price Example 4

FUNERAL AT CROWN LODGE, WYE, NEAR ASHFORD KENT

Exclusive hire for funeral and wake	£600
Our professional fee	£2,500
Standard oak veneer coffin	£575
Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues	£250
Celebrant fee	£300
Unattended cremation fee	£392
Total	£4,617

Please note that this does not include catering costs.

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

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue

What is included

- Collection of the person who has died within working hours (9 am - 5 pm)
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died for up to 21 days (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, there will be a daily charge of £10)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Advice and support to the family or friends as required
- Taking care of all the necessary legal and administrative arrangements
- Liaising with third parties such as venue staff, celebrants, florists, printers, musicians etc.
- Transport of the person who has died to the venue, followed by the crematorium after the service in our Jaguar Hearse
- Provision of a Funeral Conductor and traditional funeral cortege to both venues
- Cremation fee at our chosen crematorium (an uplift can be paid if a particular crematorium is preferred)
- Oak veneer coffin or similar (an uplift can be paid to for alternative coffin choices)
- Set up of the space as required
- Provision of a member of staff to operate music during the service
- Celebrant fee
- Storage of ashes until needed

These prices are based on an unattended cremation service following either directly after the ceremony or the next morning, but can be adjusted to include a full committal service on request. These services can be completely personalised, these are purely examples to give you an idea of pricing.

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 (please refer to section on burial costs).

What is not included

- Collection of the person who has died out of hours (please add £250), or out of area
- Visit to our chapel of rest (£75)
- Limousine (£325)

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
Visit to our chapel of rest	£75
Multiple visits to our chapel of rest	£150
Embalming (only undertaken if specifically requested)	£160
Arrangement of ashes interment or scattering	£150
Attendance at local ashes interment or scattering	£150
Additional professional fee for a Saturday funeral	£650
Reception of coffin into home/church during office hours	£250
Reception of coffin into home/church outside office hours	£350
Jaguar limousine (seats up to 6 people, excluding driver)	£325
Floral hearse	£300
Horse drawn carriage (for 2 horses)	From £850
Alternative funeral vehicles	Price on request
Obituary in local press	From £70
Obituary in national press	Price on request

Orders of service	Approx. £2.50 per copy
Flowers	
Small double-ended coffin spray (3 ft)	From £160
Medium double-ended coffin spray (4 ft)	From £180
Large double-ended coffin spray (5 ft)	From £210
Floral letters	£55 per letter
Bespoke floral tributes	Prices on request
Crematorium services - Webcast	Between £75 - £160
Crematorium services - Visual Tribute	From £80
Live-streaming services at churches/venues	From £440
Single photo on screens at Crematorium	No charge
Unframed A4 photo	£10
Framed A4 photo	£35
Canvas photo	From £45
Repatriations	Price on request