

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.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to have a chat on: 01622 746 688, 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 or Charing Crematorium, including our fees, with a celebrant and a traditional coffin.

	Cremation fee	Our fees	Coffin	Doctor's fees	Minister/celebrant fees	Total
Vinters Park Crematorium	£840	£2,350	£525	£82	£260	£4,057
Charing Crematorium	£1,175	£2,350	£525	£82	£260	£4,392

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 (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, a daily charge of £10 might be added)
- Washing and dressing of the person
- 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, 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 of third-party costs known as funeral 'disbursements'
- Storage of cremated remains until needed, if appropriate

What it does not include:

- Visits to our chapel of rest on appointment (£100)
- 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 £300 per car)
- Coffin (Our prices range from £525 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 £130)
- Orders of service (usually £2.50 per copy printed)
- Organist (usually between £80-£100)

- Live musicians (prices on request)
- Obituary notices (usually between £70-£100)

Third-party fees ('Disbursements')

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

Doctors' fees – £82

For a cremation, it is required that a doctor who cared for the person 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.

Celebrant Fee: – £260 - £350

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 always 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.

Minister Fee: – £255

If the funeral takes place in a church, there will be additional fees ranging from around £250 - £500 to cover church fees, heating, verger fees etc.

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.....	£840
30 minutes slot	
Charing Crematorium.....	£1,175
40 minutes slot	
Garden of England Crematorium.....	£940
45 minutes slot	
Medway Crematorium.....	£795
45 minutes slot	
Kent & Sussex Crematorium.....	£980
45 minutes slot	
Hawkinge Crematorium.....	£1,220
45 minutes slot.	
Barham Crematorium.....	£1,175
40 minutes slot	
Thames View Crematorium.....	£940
45 minutes slot	

Burial Fees

These prices are based on single depth plots with exclusive rights for 30 years, including the interment fee for residents of the 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.

Maidstone Cemetery.....	£2,000
Medway Cemeteries.....	£2,115
Bybrook & Willesborough Cemeteries, Ashford	£1,550
Tenterden Cemetery.....	£1,550
Riverview Natural Burial Ground.....	£1,685
Eden Valley Natural Burial Ground.....	£2,570

Other funeral services

Simple direct cremation: £1,700

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 and dignity as our traditional funerals and other services such as visits to our chapel of rest can be added. Please note that specific Direct Cremation companies do not allow this as they operate on a national level and use specific crematoria on a large scale. Hence their attractive prices.

This includes:

- Collection and care of the person who has died within working hours
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, a daily charge of £10 might be added)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Advice and support to the family or friends
- 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 traditional funeral services
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium in our private ambulance
- Cremation fee - Vinters Park Crematorium (an uplift can be paid if a particular crematorium is preferred)
- Timber effect or cardboard coffin (an uplift can be paid to 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), or 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 (£100)

Albany direct cremation: £1,850

This is very similar to the above option but includes the 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. Please note that attendance inside the chapel of the crematorium is still not permitted.

Small vigil at our premises: £2,950

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 hours
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, a daily charge of £10 might be added)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Advice and support to the family or friends
- 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
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium following on from the vigil in our Jaguar Hearse
- Cremation fee - 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)
- Funeral conductor and traditional funeral cortege
- Set up of the space as required
- Staff present to welcome guests and serve refreshments
- Tea and coffee
- Provision of a music speaker to play own music selection
- 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 (fee will be calculated on mileage)
- Flowers
- Celebrant
- Visits to our chapel of rest (£100)
- Refreshments other than tea or coffee
- Attendance inside the chapel at the crematorium

Small service at our premises: £3,100

This is perfect for those wanting a more intimate ceremony. A 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.

This includes:

- Collection and care of the person who has died within working hours
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, a daily charge of £10 might be added)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Advice and support to the family or friends
- 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
- Transport of the person who has died to the crematorium following on from the service in our Jaguar Hearse
- Cremation fee - 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
- 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
- Celebrant fee
- 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 (fee calculated on mileage)
- Attendance inside the chapel at the crematorium
- Visits to our chapel of rest (£100)
- Orders of service (approximately £2.50 per copy)

Funeral ceremony in an alternative venue followed by a non-attended cremation

We work with local venues that provide beautiful environments for full funeral services. Each venue has it's 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.

Price examples

Funeral at Bradbourne House, West Malling

Exclusive hire of venue and catering for the wake (from £30 per person)
 Example of exclusive hire for funeral, wake and catering for 50 people£1,500
 Our Professional fee.....£2,350
 Standard oak veneer coffin.....£525
 Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues.....£250
 Doctors' fees.....£82
 Celebrant fee.....£280
 Unattended cremation fee.....£387
Total.....£5,374

Funeral at Kentfield Estate, West Malling

Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake.....£900
 Our Professional fee.....£2,350
 Standard oak veneer coffin.....£525
 Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues.....£250
 Doctors' fees.....£82
 Celebrant fee.....£280
 Unattended cremation fee.....£387
Total.....£4,774

Funeral at Bilsington Priory, near Ashford

Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake.....	£450
Our Professional fee.....	£2,350
Standard oak veneer coffin.....	£525
Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues.....	£250
Doctors' fees.....	£82
Celebrant fee.....	£280
Unattended cremation fee.....	£387
Total.....	£4,374

Funeral at Crown Lodge, Wye

Exclusive hire of venue for funeral + wake.....	£500
Our Professional fee.....	£2,350
Standard oak veneer coffin.....	£525
Additional fee for supplying staff to two separate venues.....	£250
Doctors' fees.....	£82
Celebrant fee.....	£280
Unattended cremation fee.....	£387
Total.....	£4,374

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

Based on this pricing, these funerals include:

- Collection and care of the person who has died within working hours
- Appropriate storage and care of the person who has died (if a longer lead time for the funeral is desired, a daily charge of £10 might be added)
- Washing and dressing of the person who has died
- Advice and support to the family or friends
- 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
- Transport of the person who has died to the venue, followed by the crematorium after the service in our Jaguar Hears
- Provision of a Funeral Conductor and traditional funeral cortege
- Cremation fee at our nearest 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
- Storage of ashes until needed

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 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 page 3):

Additional funeral costs



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.....	£100
Arrangement of ashes interment or scattering separately.....	£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
Repatriations	Price on request
Jaguar limousine (seats up to 6 people, excluding driver)	£300
Floral hearse	£250
Horse drawn carriage	From £850 (for 2 horses)
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
Framed A4 photo.....	£35
Unframed A4 photo.....	£10
Canvas photo.....	From £30
Flowers – Coffin sprays	
Small (3 ft).....	From £130
Medium (4 ft).....	From £160
Large (5 ft).....	From £180
Floral letters.....	£45 per letter
Other tributes.....	prices available on request
Webcast at Crematoria.....	Between £65-£150
Visual tributes at Crematoria.....	From £75
Live streaming of services in Churches or other venues.....	From £440
Dove release.....	£120 for first dove, then £20 per dove