

Human beings have sensed the mystery of death, and the pain of grief since time immemorial. Every society has developed rites to mark the passage from life through death, and to commemorate the dead. The Christian Church has funeral rites in which we honour and mourn the departed and lay to rest their mortal remains while placing our hope in God's promise to bring new and unending life from death.

The funeral service leads mourners through a process and ritual journey in which the loss of one we love is acknowledged and thanks are given to God for the gift of their life and our place within it. Then we listen and respond to the scriptures in which the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is proclaimed as the promise of new life. Finally, we take our leave of the one we love as their last earthly journey to a place of rest begins. We leave them in God's care as we continue our own life's journey trusting in the goodness of God.

Standing and weeping beside the grave of his friend Lazarus, Jesus said,

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live."

Gospel of John 11:25-26

Funeral Services Offered

St George's Parish is able to offer you assistance by providing a full range of services at the difficult yet very important time of grief and loss.

These services include:

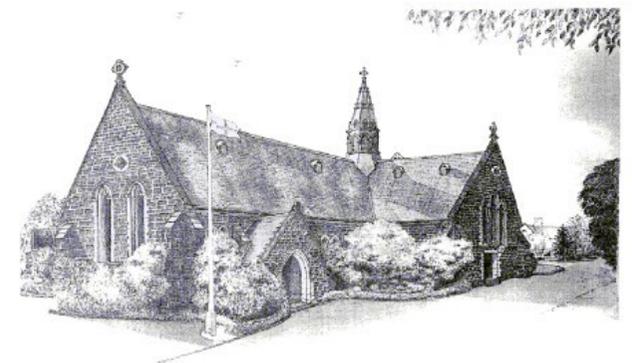
- Funeral Service
- Assistance with the Orders of Service
- Pastoral care and support
- Music
- Flowers
- Use of the Parish Centre for refreshments
- Memorial garden for interment of ashes and memorial book in Church

The Vicar, Fr. Gregory Seach welcomes your enquiries and would be pleased to discuss with you any specific requirements you may have for the conduct of a dignified Anglican funeral to give thanks for the life of the one you love.



St George's Anglican Church
296 Glenferrie Road, Malvern, VIC 3144
Tel: 9822 3030
Email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org
www.stgeorgesmalvern.org

Funerals at Saint George's



Church Service

The service is conducted by the Vicar or other clergy and follows Anglican customs.

The Holy Eucharist may be celebrated if requested. This is especially suitable when someone has been an active member of the Church. The Vicar will consult with the family to select the readings and prayers as well as music and hymns if included.

Members of the family will be invited to take part in the service if that is their wish. When arrangements are finalised an Order of Service is prepared and printed.

Music

Music can be provided by our organist. Selection of suitable music and hymns (optional) is arranged in consultation with the Vicar.

Flowers

Fresh flowers are arranged in the Church each week by members of the parish. If extra flowers are required this can be arranged at an additional cost.

Hall / Room Hire for Refreshments

Refreshments may be served in the St George's Centre beside the Church following the service. Suitable caterers can be recommended. Arrangements for hire are made through the Parish Office in consultation with the clergy.

Memorial Garden & Book

A beautiful and peaceful memorial garden is maintained at the side of the church. Interment of the Ashes of the deceased in the garden can be arranged. In addition, names of those whose ashes are in the garden are inscribed in the Memorial Book. The departed are remembered in services each year at the anniversary of death. In this way, the departed are called to mind within a living community of prayer.

Fees and Costs

Church.....\$500

Clergy.....\$300

Organist.....\$300

Verger (2).....\$200

Optional: may be advisable for a large funeral

Flowers\$250

Hall Hire *(if required)*

Half day.....\$200

Full day.....\$350

Memorial Garden and Book.....\$220 *(including gst)*

A separate brochure includes further information and the form to be used for the details of memorial book entries. A weekly extract of entries is displayed in the Church.

