

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WOODSTOCK

SAINT LUKE'S



CHRIST CHURCH

Guidelines for Funerals and Burials

Supporting You in a Time of Sorrow.

We seek to be a source of support when a death unfolds, for the dying as well as family and friends. There are ministries that your priest can provide in the days leading up to and following a death; one of the most significant is the funeral.

We are available to help develop a service—ahead of time or as the need arises—that commemorates and gives thanks for the life of your loved one.

To learn more, please call our office 506-328-4304, our rector Rev. Shirley Noseworthy at 506-328-9913 or email stlukes@nb.aibn.com. We are here to help.

"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." Isaiah 40:1

What is a Christian Funeral?

A Christian Funeral is a time when we pause before the mystery of death and life. Funerals are an expression of faith in our salvation, resurrection, and eternal life. As such, we come to worship God and rejoice in the new life He has given us beyond death. We also gather to thank God for the gift given to us in the person of the deceased. Funerals also express the community support that is shown at a time of death as we pray, sing, laugh, and cry together.

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."
Romans 12:15*

Is there a fee for funerals?

There is no charge for funerals. However a donation would be appropriate, first and foremost, as an offering of gratitude and praise to Almighty God, as well as a symbol of appreciation for the ministry provided, as an act of thanksgiving for the life of your loved one, and to help offset the costs of heating, lighting, and cleaning the facility.

(Guideline re Funeral Fee adopted at the AGM Feb. 9, 2020)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Where will the Funeral Take Place?

From April to December, a funeral may be held at either St. Luke’s or Christ Church. Arrangements may be made by contacting the rector, Rev. Shirley Noseworthy at 328-9913, or the parish office at 328-4304.

You must also contact a local funeral director. There are three funeral homes in the Woodstock area:

[Culberson Funeral Home](#) at 506-325-1130,

[Scott Funeral Home](#) at 506-328-3179,

[Carleton Funeral Home](#), Jacksonville at 506-328-8430.

Funerals During Winter Months

During the winter months, January, February, March, we move worship to the hall to save on heating costs. While three options are available, Option 1 is preferred to reduce expenses for the parish.

Option 1: Priority is given to holding a funeral at Christ Church, since it is less costly to heat.

Option 2: A funeral may be held at St. Luke’s Church.

Option 3: A funeral may be held at St. Luke’s Hall.

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Alternatively, you may choose to hold the service at a funeral home chapel, in which case you would contact the funeral home to make the arrangements. (See contact info above.) The parish priest may be available to officiate at the funeral home chapel. To make arrangements contact the parish office at 328-4304.

Jesus said: My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?’ John 14:2

When and where will the burial take place?

The burial takes place following the funeral service at a place and time arranged with both the priest and the funeral home.

Below is information on acquiring a plot at Christ Church Cemetery, in the Anglican Parish of Woodstock.

Are plots available in Christ Church Cemetery?

Burial plots are available in Christ Church Cemetery, 1973 Route 165, Lower Woodstock, NB E7M 4K8. While there is no fee for a funeral, there is, however, a fee for a burial plot, as indicated below.

The cemetery belongs to the Anglican Parish of Woodstock. For details on purchasing a plot, please contact our parish office at 506-328-4304, or stop by 104 Church Street, Woodstock, NB E7M 5Z7.

A map of the cemetery, which identifies the location of burial plots, is kept at our parish office.

Plots are \$600, to be paid to the Church, with an agreement signed between the lot holder and the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Corporation of the Parish of Woodstock. Lot holders will receive a copy of the agreement upon purchase.

What are the details of the agreement to purchase a lot at Christ Church Cemetery?

1. The burial plot will be identified by a number, as designated on the Cemetery Plan, as well as dated, and kept on file in the records of the Church and assigned to the Lot-holder for burial purposes only.
2. The Church will keep the grass properly cut and trimmed and the turf in and upon the said Lot(s) in reasonable condition and preservation, to the extent provided by interest earned on investments held in the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account.
3. All expenses incurred in connection with the opening and closing of graves, the installing, straightening, adjusting, or

cleaning of the monument on the said lot(s), or any extraordinary expense, shall be paid for by the Lot-holder.

4. All lot(s) will remain flat and only Head or Foot Stones will be used as markers. No plants, shrubs or trees will be planted on the lot(s), unless authorized by the Church.

5. All burial lots will remain the property of the Church and no lot may be transferred from one Lot-holder to another without the written consent of the Church.

6. No grave may be dug or re-opened except as authorized and directed by the Church.

7. All burials shall be conducted by a cleric (Bishop/Priest/Deacon) of the Anglican Church or by a cleric (ordained minister) authorized by the said Church to conduct the burial.

8. The Lot-holder shall comply with such other rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Church in connection with the cemetery.

Such agreement will be signed by the Lot-holder and representatives of the Church, namely the Rector and a Warden.

What about cremated remains?

A funeral can be held with the body present before cremation or with the cremated remains in an urn on a table near the chancel steps.

The remains of our loved one should be reverently buried in consecrated ground, as soon after cremation as possible.

The scattering of ashes is not an option in our liturgies, and if a family decides not to bury cremated remains in consecrated ground, the Priest is not required or expected to be present.

Cremated remains may be buried in an existing grave, with the consent of the family concerned, and in accordance with our cemetery guidelines.

*“Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4*