

Christ Church Anglican Cemetery

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16631 Old McLellan Road, Surrey, British Columbia V3S 1H7 Christ Church Cemetery is located in Surrey Centre, which was the first part of Surrey to be settled. It is attached to Christ Church, the oldest church in Surrey. Christ Church was used continuously until the new church, Christ the Redeemer, was built across the street in 1990.

In 1884, the building materials were made into a raft and pike-poled down the Serpentine River by Rev. William Bell, the first clergy of the parish. After hauling the materials by oxen to the building site, Christ Church was completed in seven weeks at a total cost of \$1,199.48. While the exterior had the addition of a new shingle roof in 1978 and has been painted over the years, the interior has remained largely as it was in 1884. Christ Church was designated a heritage building in 1978 and is now maintained by the parish, with the help of Surrey Heritage Commission and BC Heritage Trust.

Since those earliest days in the life of Surrey, Christ Church Cemetery has been operated first by the parish and now by the Diocese of New Westminster. It covers 1.6 acres at the corners of Old McLellan and Bell roads to the south of Christ Church. It is maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers who weed, edge plots, trim bushes, prune trees and clean monuments, while monument restoration, ground levelling and lawn cutting are done by caring professionals. Added in 2003, the memorial garden is nestled into the tall fir trees and creates a quiet spot of solitude within the cemetery. The cemetery connects volunteers and the community of Cloverdale with our past. Visitors to the cemetery can see headstones that provide links to many of Surrey's pioneer families.

As laid out in the bylaws of the cemetery, licences for use of plots in the cemetery are available to members of Vestry of the Parish of Christ the Redeemer and their immediate family members. Fees are also laid out in the bylaws and may be amended from time to time.

In accordance with the current fee schedule, a percentage of the purchase fee goes to the Endowment Fund to aid with the perpetual care of the cemetery. If a burial or interment of ashes requires the plot to be opened or closed on a Saturday, the fee is twice the weekday fee and for statutory holidays the fee is three times the weekday cost.

The cemetery offers full burial plots, upon which the maximum permitted memorial stone would be 18" in height and 30" in width. The maximum memorial stone on a cremation plot would be 10" in height and 12" in width. Ornamentation such as boxes, shells, wire screens, arbours, trellises, tripods, or other objects are not permitted on any grave. Artificial flowers, wreaths, and floral arrangements may be placed on graves during the winter, November 1 to March 1, only. Cut flowers, wreaths, and floral arrangements may be placed on graves at any time, but will be removed when they become unsightly.

Weather permitting; burials may take place between 10AM and 3PM, interment of ashes between 9AM and 4PM.





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