

Funerals



If you are reading this page because you have recently lost a loved one, please accept our condolences. We hope there is some way we may be able to assist you at this time.

Or you may be reading this page, because for one reason or another you are planning ahead for your own funeral or that of a loved one.

Jesus said...

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 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? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

*Thomas [the disciple] said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
(John 14:1-6)*

Our hope for you at this time is that through Jesus you will indeed be comforted and your hearts will not be troubled.

Please feel free to [contact us](#) for help with organising a funeral or memorial, or for someone to talk to if you are grieving.

Our desire is to be as helpful as possible at this time of grief.

Planning a funeral can be quite involved. For more information and some funeral guidelines go to our [“funeral FAQs”](#).

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Funerals at Lower Mountains Anglican

Every funeral service or memorial service is an important occasion. The service provides the opportunity for those who attend to express their grief and to extend sympathy to the bereaved, to honour the person who has died, and to proclaim hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The various elements of the service need to be given careful thought and detailed planning.

How to arrange a Funeral?

Contact our office (email: admin@lmap.org.au or call: (02) 4739 1316) so that we can visit you (and/or your funeral director) to make arrangements.

Please note that it is always best to speak to us before finalising any arrangements concerning use of one of our ministers or buildings.

Funerals conducted in our church buildings are normally taken by one of our ministry team.

How to arrange a Pre-planned Funeral?

If you are of the mind to pre-plan your own funeral or that of a loved one, we can meet with you, plan the funeral in advance, and then keep a secure record for future use.

Contact our office (email: admin@lmap.org.au or call: (02) 4739 1316) so that we can arrange to meet with you to make those arrangements.

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Funeral or Memorial Guidelines

There are guidelines as to what we are able to provide and achieve within the confines of the church service. What follows aims to clarify some of the elements that would appear in a funeral or memorial service to help you in planning. The minister who meets with you will be able to help you with each aspect.

The 'Service'

Lower Mountains Anglican use the Funeral Service of the Anglican Prayer Book (specifically the Book of Common Prayer or An Australian Prayer Book). There is a great deal of flexibility and scope for shaping the occasion around the desires of the family and friends involved.

Bible Readings

We suggest two readings. Perhaps readings that might have held significance for your loved one or passages that offer hope and comfort at this time of grief. The passages would be printed in the Handout and could be read by a family member or friend.

Here are some appropriate passages:

- Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd
- Psalm 121 – My help comes from the Lord
- Psalm 130 – My soul waits for the Lord
- John 5:19-29 – The Son of God has power to give life
- John 11:17-44 – Jesus raises Lazarus from the Dead
- John 14:1-7 – Jesus said, I am the Way the Truth and the Life
- 1 Cor 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-58 – there is a resurrection of the dead through Jesus Christ
- Revelation 21:1-4 – The new heaven and the new earth

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Preaching

One of the central features of the funeral service is to receive God's wisdom at a testing time. In the midst of our sadness, to bring comfort and support; in the midst of loss and uncertainty, to speak of forgiveness and hope; and in the face of despair and doubt, to bring the promise of the gospel to all who hear.

Prayers

Prayers in a funeral service can be a helpful and special way to give thanks to God for your loved one or be a way to care for those who are grieving. There are a number of prayers suggested in the Funeral Service which could be prayed by a Christian friend or family member.

Tributes

The giving of a tribute or eulogy is a lovely way to reflect back on a life lived. Tributes are often most meaningful when they capture elements of what your loved one valued most (i.e. family, faith, special interest etc.)

Our guideline for the funeral service is that the tribute time be limited to 10 minutes (approximately 1000 words). This could involve one or two people. It is helpful to have the tributes written down, both for future record or publication and to assist if someone needs to step in when grief or nerves become too much.

There will always be more to be said than we have time to say in a funeral service.

Visual tributes (e.g. slide show, video etc.) can also be arranged. The length would need to be kept under 3 minutes.

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Location Capacity

Lower Mountains Anglican operates three locations each of different size capacities.

LMAP Glenbrook (1 Wascoe St) – seats 300

LMAP Blaxland (16 Taringha St) – seats 100

LMAP Mount Riverview (159 Rusden Rd) – seats 50

Hymns/Songs

Singing or playing of Christian hymns or songs which held significance for your loved one can be a special way to honour their wishes. If hymns or songs are included in the funeral service it would generally be no more than two.

Here are some well-loved Christian hymns/songs:

- The Lord's My Shepherd
- Abide with Me
- Rock of Ages
- How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
- In Christ Alone
- My Hope is Built
- Amazing Grace

Note: We have an organ at our Blaxland location and a piano at Blaxland, Glenbrook and Mount Riverview.

What costs are involved?



At present, our standard cost for a funeral is \$500*. This includes:

- the Minister
- a site manager
- preparation and printing of the funeral service handout
- audio desk operator
- reserved car spaces for the funeral party

Additional Charges

Organist/Pianist: If you wish to have hymns/songs played, we can arrange an organist/pianist for the occasion – this will cost \$150.

Industrial Kitchen: use of our facilities and our industrial kitchens (at Blaxland and Glenbrook). This includes the use of tables, chairs, dishwashers, fridges, cutlery and crockery – this will cost \$150*.

Visual Elements: If you wish to have any visual elements (i.e. Power-points, video etc) which will require preparation to use on our system, licensing permissions, and a Video Desk operator – this will incur an additional fee of \$150.

Live-Stream: LMAP Glenbrook (only) has the capacity to ‘live-stream’ the service on YouTube ‘Events at LMAP’ which requires a Stream operator – this will incur an additional fee of \$150.

It is expected that the facilities will be left in a clean condition. Cleaners can be arranged at extra cost if needed.

* For regular members of Lower Mountains Anglican Church, please inquire about our member rate.

We hope that these guidelines have helped you in your preparation. Please feel free to contact us in the office at your convenience to make any arrangements.

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