

appear on the year's mind list for ten years, and active members' names or that of their loved ones will remain permanently on the year's mind list.

Visiting Priests

At the request of the family, the Rector of St Michael's, will allow an ordained minister to assist with the funeral. The family will need to make this request in writing to the Rector and the presiding priest will liaise with the visiting minister as to their involvement.



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Parish Vision:

St Michael's will be a vibrant, growing, inclusive community of God's people.

Diocesan Vision:

To achieve a shared vision and practice of the ministry of all believers.

Christian Funerals

at

St Michael's

Church

Bryanston

The services which are provided for use in connection with death and the reverent disposal of a human body are part of the church's continual celebration of the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the giving of the Holy Spirit which together constitute what has been called the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Christians are incorporated in this Paschal Mystery through baptism, and for one who has already died with Christ in that sacrament, and now lives with him in faith (Romans 6:3-11), death marks but a stage in the journey towards the fulness of eternal life with the

risen Lord (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).
(Introduction: An Anglican Prayer Book 1989)

Thank you for your enquiry about a Funeral at St Michael's. We see funerals as being an important part of our faith and so ask that you consider your Christian commitment at this time. In Christian funerals we thank Almighty God for the life of the person who has died, and commend him or her to the loving mercy of God.

We do not sit in judgement on anyone, but at the same time we ask that all participants in the funeral come in an attitude of respect for God, and consideration for the well-being of those who mourn. Canon law, in the Anglican Church, requires that the coffin be present in the church, except in exceptional situations, such as when a person is lost at sea. Funerals will take place at St Michael's or at places set apart for worship.

As we at St Michael's are a diverse community, this brochure has included as many cultural customs that we are aware of. Texts that are marked with a † address specific customs.

To assist the family we request that ONE person be responsible to liaise with the church on the family's behalf.

What the church will do for the:

critically ill:

At the request of a family member the church will send a representative to pray with them.

dying:

At the request of a family member the church will send a priest to anoint the dying and pray with the family.

† *prayers after death:*

At the request of a family member the church will send a representative to pray with the family.

the church will be present at the burial. Should the burial take place away from Johannesburg, the church may commission a St Michael's representative to be present.

Interment of Ashes and Memorial Plaques (this is equivalent to burial and unveiling of tombstone)

St Michael's has a lovely Garden of Remembrance in which the interment of ashes takes place. Arrangements for an interment and blessing of the plaque are made through the office at least a week in advance. The priest will lead the service, which is simple and prayerful. The location of both the interment site (in the ground) and the plaque (on the wall) is determined by available space and is at the discretion of the church.

Plaque order forms can be obtained from the parish office, and plaques should conform in size and style. It takes up to two weeks to supply, engrave and erect the plaques.

Unveiling of tombstones

A minister will attend the graveside and follow the order of service for a dedication and unveiling of a tombstone from the Anglican Prayer Book.

Counselling

Counselling, by a trained Anglicare counsellor, for the bereaved is available on request through the church office. If needed, this takes place at least six weeks after the death of the loved one, as at the time of death such counselling is not usually appropriate.

Year's Mind

After the funeral, the name of the deceased is added to the Parish "Year's Mind" list. On the anniversary of that person's death, his/her name will be added to the pew leaflet to be remembered within the prayers of the Church.

Non-members names will stay on the year's mind list for one year, non-active members or family of non-active members' names will

Flowers

The church, except in Lent and Advent, has an arrangement of flowers below the cross. At the family's expense, extra flowers may be organised, one at the entrance of the church (±R750) and two in front of the altar, not higher than altar height. (±R350 - R500 depending on size). Most people also choose to have an arrangement of flowers on the coffin, which can be arranged with the Funeral Directors.

Refreshments

Teas: At a cost of R30 per head, the church will organise tea, coffee, cold drinks, and various eats. This should be arranged when you fix the funeral date with the church. Estimated numbers are required with a maximum number of 200.

Meals: With prior arrangement with the office, the church will permit a catering company to supply a meal. The church hall can only seat 130 people. Crockery, cutlery, glasses and table cloths must be supplied by the catering company. The kitchen may NOT be used for cooking the meal, only for dispensing purposes. The kitchen and the hall must be cleared and cleaned by the catering company.

Donation and Fees

Funeral costs: R1200 which covers any costs incurred by the Church **excluding** tea and extra flowers.

Requiem costs: R1450 which covers any costs incurred by the Church **excluding** tea and extra flowers.

Donation: There is no fee for the priest but a donation to the Church is welcome. A suggested donation of R750 will be paid into the Rector's Discretionary Fund, to be used for those in need.

Use of hall for lunch

R1000 if set up on day of funeral.

R1500 if set up day before funeral.

The family will be invoiced after the service for all the costs.

Burial

In the case of a burial as opposed to cremation, the committal will take place at the burial ground. The priest or a representative from

† **prayers at the home before the funeral**

At the request of a family member the church will send a representative to the home for prayer up to three times.

† **bringing the body to the church**

At the request of a family member the church will send a representative to accompany the body from the home to the church, on the day of the funeral.

Funeral services will be held for any Anglican of the Bryanston community.

Requiem mass can be held for regular communicant parishioners.

Memorial services will NOT be held at St Michael's unless in exceptional situations, after discussion with the priest. Ministers from St Michael's are responsible for funerals but are not expected to be present at memorial services.

Arrangements for the funeral (cremation-committal service)

Date

A date and time will need to be arranged by contacting the parish office. An appointment for the family to meet with the priest will be set at the same time.

Church

The church can seat a maximum of 270 people. If more are expected the church will allow, in consultation with the parish office and at the family's expense, to put a free standing marquee and chairs, outside the entrance to the church. This cannot exceed 9x15m. This size would accommodate and extra 150 chairs.

The service can be relayed outside via a speaker. Visual feed can be accommodated, at the family's organisation and expense, and must meet the church's safety standards.

Service

The service is taken from an Anglican Prayer Book APB (pp 533-552), and may include the Eucharist (Requiem Mass). The service begins with the entrance of the priest during the reading of a selection of verses from Scripture, followed by a prayer. Then follows the reading of a psalm, and other passages, the sermon and prayer time including a prayer for the bereaved. The service may conclude with the committal or continue to the grave for the burial.

Eulogies

A Eulogy is a short talk celebrating the life of the deceased. The church requests that the family have no more than 3 Eulogies of 5 minutes each. Care should be taken to ensure that the content of the Eulogy is suitable for the reverence and awe of a Christian service.

Hymns / Music / Audio Visual presentations

Hymns may be chosen from the suggested list (see below) or some other source, provided that in the case of the latter, the organist has been consulted. In certain situations (e.g with very small funerals) you may choose to have no hymns. Usually there are two hymns, one at the start of the service, and one at the end, following the committal.

Other forms of music, such as CD's are permissible provided the church sound engineer is available to assist with this.

Audio/Visual presentations are only permissible prior to the start of the service and with the assistance of the church's sound engineer.

Suitable hymns

<i>Abide with me, fast falls the eventide</i>	13	A&M
<i>All things bright and beautiful</i>	116	A&M
<i>Amazing Grace</i>		
<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>	115	A&M
<i>Guide me, O thou great Redeemer</i>	214	A&M
<i>How great thou art</i>		
<i>How sweet the name of Jesus sounds</i>	122	A&M

<i>Jesus lives, thy terrors now</i>	82	A&M
<i>Let saints on earth in concert sing</i>	182	A&M
<i>Now is eternal life</i>	402	A&M
<i>Now thank we all our God</i>	205	A&M
<i>O God of Bethal</i>	216	A&M
<i>Praise, my soul</i>	192	A&M
<i>Rock of ages, cleft for me</i>	135	A&M
<i>The Lord's my shepherd</i>	426	A&M
<i>Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son</i>	428	A&M
<i>To God be the glory</i>		

Order of Service

The service will be projected on the screens and will include the words of the hymns. If the family wish to have a sheet with a picture they can arrange this with the funeral directors.

Pall-Bearers

Into the church: The pall bearers (6 in all, men or women) will meet the hearse on the east side of the main entrance to the church and process in with the sentences read by the priest. Lit funeral candles will be placed each side of the coffin (3 each side) together with the Easter candle.

Out of the church: After the committal or blessing, the pall bearers (6 in all, either men or women) will be invited to come to the front. They will then exit with the coffin, followed by the family, during the final hymn. This gives the family a brief time to say their final farewells before the hearse leaves. It is not necessary for the family to go to the crematorium as the committal is done in the church.

You may choose not to have pall bearers, in which case the coffin will be placed in the church at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the funeral by the Funeral Directors. The Easter candle and funeral candles will be placed along the sides of the coffin. After the service, the coffin stays in the church until the congregation has left, when it will be taken to the hearse by the Funeral Directors