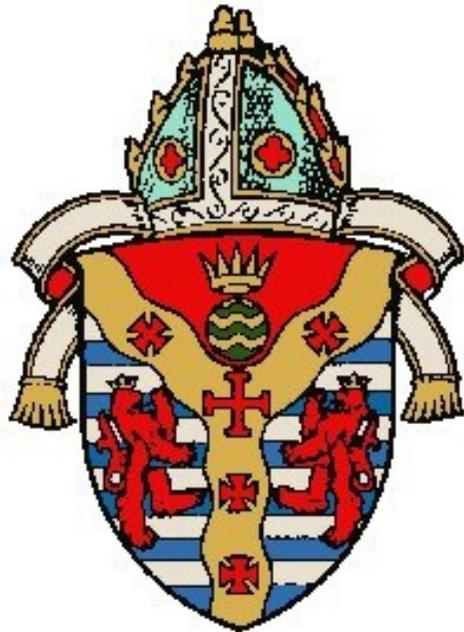


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## **When a Loved One Dies**

Few of us can say that we don't need help when someone close dies, especially if it is sudden. That is why the Anglican Church of Paphos offers a comprehensive funeral service. The Church's experienced team can help you with all the elements involved in organising and holding a funeral and/or burial from the moment that a loved one dies, or even before, if they experience a debilitating illness.

## **FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM**

There are 10 regular members in the Funeral Ministry Team of the Anglican Church of Paphos. They are all experienced in this important work and have the support and approval of the Church's leadership both clergy and Lay Readers.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Don't rush into any decisions, especially when you are newly bereaved and in distress
- Similarly, don't sign any documents in a foreign language, even if you are put under pressure – wait until you have the help of someone from the Church's experienced team
- It is a good idea to make sure that your will includes details of the kind of funeral you want – this will be a great help to your loved ones when the time comes. You may also leave this information at the Anglican Church office for safe keeping, especially if you have no immediate next of kin in Cyprus.

## **WHO TO CONTACT:**

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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about funerals in Cyprus**

Here are some of the questions people ask most frequently (FAQs) about funerals in Cyprus:

### **What is the first thing I should do?**

Contact someone involved in the Church's funeral ministry:

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### **What if a loved one dies at home?**

If it is unexpected, call the police. If it is expected, call the deceased's doctor. Depending on what they say, then call for an ambulance.

### **What if they die in hospital?**

The General Hospital and private hospitals have their own mortuaries, so the deceased can be transferred there and stay there as long as necessary. Once a funeral director has been appointed the body can be transferred to that company's premises.

### **Is there a time limit?**

No, you may take as long as you need to organise a funeral befitting the deceased.

### **Will someone help us find and liaise with an undertaker?**

Yes, the Church funeral ministry team is familiar with all the undertakers in Paphos and works with them regularly. They will certainly help you with this.

**Will the Church team help with the paperwork?**

Absolutely – our experienced team will obtain the required Death Certificates and deal with all the registration formalities with both government departments and Immigration.

**Will the Anglican Church funeral ministry team help us if we are not members of the church?**

Yes, the team is happy to help anyone who needs its assistance.

**Does the Anglican Church have a church and minister to do a funeral?**

Yes, the Anglican Church has the use of three churches, Ayia Kyriaki in Kato Paphos and one each in Tala and Polis, plus several priests and Readers qualified to conduct funeral services.

**May we design a funeral to suit the deceased and our family?**

Of course: the funeral ministry team will help co-ordinate every detail of a service and burial including: church venue, readings, a minister, music, flowers, pall bearers, burial in a cemetery, charitable donations etc.

**Is the Church willing to organise a service that is not in a church?**

Certainly, the funeral ministry team can organise a graveside burial service in a cemetery, which one of the clergy or Readers will conduct. This can include music and other features requested by the deceased or the family.

**What's the difference between a funeral and a memorial service and does the Church do both?**

A funeral takes place with the deceased's coffin present while the absence of the coffin makes it a memorial service. The Anglican Church of Paphos will do both.

**Where can burials take place?**

There are several cemeteries in the Paphos and Limassol districts and Erimi and the Church's funeral ministry team will organise a plot in a cemetery in consultation with you.

**Is cremation possible in Cyprus?**

Not at the moment, but arrangements can be made to repatriate the deceased to Britain for cremation and then have the ashes returned to Cyprus in a titanium casket for interment here.

**How much does a funeral cost?**

The costs depend on what you choose, as the options vary from a simple graveside burial service conducted by a priest to a church funeral with pall bearers, a cortège to the cemetery and a burial service at the grave. The Funeral Co-ordinator will inform you of all the costs involved and discuss them with you so that you may decide.

**Do we have to wear black to the funeral?**

That is the custom in Cyprus, but it is not required. Given the heat in summer, it is appropriate to wear lighter clothing, but out of respect, it is suitable for women to cover their shoulders for a church service.

**May we contact the ministry team after the funeral if we need additional help?**

Yes, certainly – they will keep in touch with you and offer any additional assistance you may need. In particular, they can put you in touch with a bereavement counsellor if you feel the need to talk about your loss.