

# Simple Kent Funerals

Price list

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How much you spend has nothing  
to do with how much you love

## Map of where we work

We work across the whole of Kent and the eastern edge of East Sussex.



## Office hours

Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm and we are contactable and able to respond outside of these hours on 07806 613297. Depending on what sort of out-of-hours response is required there may be additional support fees to pay, explained on page 5.

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## Price list introduction

Once we've spoken, we'll give you an accurate written estimate confirming arrangements, timings and costs.

We work with you in a completely personal way to give you what you want; no two funerals we've organised have ever been the same. We don't do packages so you're paying for everything you want - and nothing you don't need.

On the 'services' pages of our website you can find example estimates for many of the different types of ceremonies and celebrations we can organise.

Our estimate is always in two parts - **our fee** and **3<sup>rd</sup> party fees**.

## Our fee for a funeral starts from £1,900

Our burial or cremation funeral ceremonies and celebrations of life are personal in every detail - simple, contemporary, traditional, elaborate, eco-friendly or humanist.

You can choose a special or beautiful venue too, indoors or outside - at home, in your garden, in a field or woods, a rural barn, by a lake or by the sea, in a village hall - as well as more traditional venues like a church, chapel or crematorium. We can also give you ideas and help with organising wakes and ashes ceremonies.

### **Our fee includes**

- A relaxed visit or visits with us, at home or at Applefield Cottage, unless you'd prefer to arrange everything over the phone, by email, by post or online
- Regular ongoing contact in person
- Moving your loved one into our care
- Care of your loved one before the funeral, including washing and dressing them if you wish
- Supporting you to care for your loved one at home if you prefer
- Arranging the burial or cremation including research on pricing, booking a crematorium chapel or church or alternative indoor or open-air funeral venue, completing all paperwork, arranging for a Minister

or Celebrant to lead the ceremony, announcements in publications, arranging the music and supplying a music system, recording or live broadcasts, supplying trestles, arranging visuals and keepsakes and discussing creative elements you can contribute

- Design and layout of a Service Sheet if required, ready for printing
- Arranging transport for family and friends if required, to and from the funeral venue. The vehicle hire costs will be included in 3<sup>rd</sup> party fees
- The Funeral Director you have been in contact with throughout to oversee everything on the day
- Providing bearers and/or supporting family and friends to bear the coffin
- Arrangements for your loved one's ashes after a cremation

### **Additional support fees**

- Transporting your loved one on the day of the funeral using our simple hearse, an Audi A6 Allroad Estate car £165
- If you prefer a traditional or alternative hearse the hire cost will be included in 3<sup>rd</sup> party fees
- Leading the ceremony as a celebrant including coordinating readings, eulogies, music and agreeing the content of the Order of Service £310
- Weekend funeral, from £350
- Viewing of your loved one at home, from £260
- Moving of your loved one out-of-hours £295
- Ongoing care of your loved one, per day, after the first 5 days £30

## 3<sup>rd</sup> party fees

3<sup>rd</sup> party fees are made up of products and services agreed by you and organised and paid for by us on your behalf.

Unlike any other funeral directors we've yet to come across, we don't make a profit from 3<sup>rd</sup> party fees. You pay what we've paid - so no hidden 'extras'.

- Coffin (see pages 9 - 18) £ at cost
- Ashes container (see pages 19 - 20) £ at cost
- Traditional hearse, from £295
- Alternative hearse £ at cost
- Horse-drawn hearse, from £1,250
- Limousine, from £295
- Printing of Service Sheets, based on quantity, paper stock and number of pages, each from £1.50
- Grave preparation and digging, from £350
- Temporary grave marker £34
- Removal of a Memorial Headstone before a burial, from £165
- Independent celebrant fee, from £300
- CoE Church and Minister fee £234
- CoE burial of a body in a churchyard £375
- CoE burial of ashes in a churchyard £164
- Church heating, from £60
- Church verger, from £40
- Church choir, from £100
- Church / crematorium-chapel organist, from £85

- Cremation carbon-offsetting fee £65
- Flowers for a coffin, from £85
- Flag for a coffin, from £45
- Delivery and collection of a cardboard coffin to home, for you to decorate (see page 10) £165
- Memory candles, each (see page 21) £3
- Pacemaker removal before cremation, from £65
- Delivery of ashes by courier £ at cost
- Newspaper/magazine notices £ at cost
- Live music and performers £ at cost
- Professional sound/lighting systems £ at cost
- Crematorium live webcast + recording, from £70
- Other venue live webcast + recording, from £375

**Current crematorium fees\*** with a ceremony lasting 30-45 minutes

- Barham\*\* nr Canterbury £1,175 / £1,275
- Beckenham £1,290
- Bluebell, Sevenoaks £945
- Charing\*\* nr Ashford £1,175 / £1,275
- Eastbourne £869
- Eltham £942
- Garden of England, Sittingbourne £795
- Hastings £952
- Hawkinge £1,220
- Hither Green, Lewisham £984
- Kemnal Park, Chislehurst £1,095
- Kent & Sussex, Tunbridge Wells £980
- Medway, nr Rochester £795
- Thames View, Gravesend £895
- Thanet £1,027

- Vintners Park, Maidstone £840
- Wealden, nr Horam £971

\* Correct at time of printing. Fees are for adult cremations. Some crematoriums offer a shorter-length service at the beginning or end of the day for a reduced fee. Some crematoriums provide a Saturday service.

\*\* Lower fee Monday to Wednesday and higher fee Thursday and Friday.

### **Current woodland and natural burial ground plot and interment fees\***

	Plot	Interment
• Bybrook Cemetery , Ashford**	£1,550	incl.
• Eden Valley, Edenbridge	£1,775	£775
• Hawkinge Cemetery green burial**	£1,132	incl.
• Isle of Sheppy	£750	£560
• Riverview, nr Sittingbourne	£950	£735
• Tenterden Cemetery**	£1,550	incl.

\* Correct at time of printing. Fees shown are for single-depth adult burial plots. Some fees include the planting of a tree. Some burial grounds allow for either double-depth or side-by-side plots to be booked for an additional fee. \*\* Additional fees for non-residents.

Did you know a burial can take place at home or on other land you own?

Choosing to have a burial on private land is more straightforward than you might think, for example planning permission from the Local Authority is not required for a limited number of burials. There are rules and regulations to follow - and a home burial does need careful thought. This helpful site will give you more information: [www.naturaldeath.org.uk/index.php?page=home-burial](http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk/index.php?page=home-burial)



## Coffins

There are many different types of coffin to choose from so the following pages give you just a small sample of what we can order on your behalf.

We're not tied to any supplier so we can source any size, style and type of coffin you want. We're green-minded, eco-friendly and members of the Association of Green Funeral Directors. We make every effort to source environmentally-friendly coffins and urns made of natural, recycled, biodegradable, sustainable and low-carbon materials.

Prices for coffins include VAT and a nameplate.

Bamboo, banana and pandanus coffins shown are made in World Fair Trade Organisation accredited workshops.



With over 130 to choose from, you can add a flag (8ft long by 5ft wide) to go on top of a coffin, from £45.



We can help you create a completely personal coffin by delivering a simple white cardboard coffin to you, for you to decorate. When you've finished, we'll collect it from you in time for the funeral.

Before:



After:



For more examples of family-decorated coffins please visit: [www.simplekentfunerals.co.uk/creativeideas](http://www.simplekentfunerals.co.uk/creativeideas)

We recommend the Coffin Club who not only help people create their own coffins but provide a safe space to talk about death and plan your perfect send-off. It's a place to come and learn about all the options available to you for your end-of-life celebration. It's also somewhere to address funeral poverty by clearly examining the costs behind the funeral industry. [www.coffinclub.co.uk](http://www.coffinclub.co.uk)

**Cardboard coffins** in many colours and designs: 100% biodegradable, 80%+ recycled paper and wood pulp, natural rope handles, 90% lower carbon-emissions than a standard chipboard coffin.



Manila **£267**



White **£292**



Woodgrain **£374**



VW camper van **£448**  
- plus many others

**Bamboo coffins** in many different styles: woven from sustainable and flexible straw-coloured bamboo cane, with a light-green natural hue.



Round and  
Traditional **£373**



**Banana coffins:** made from flexible and strong golden-brown banana cord, woven around a natural cane and light rattan framework.



eco2 Round and  
Traditional **£479**





**Pandanus coffins:** made from renewable and sustainable plant-leaves, dried and twisted into cord then woven and coiled round a natural cane framework.



eco2 Round and  
Traditional **£479**



**Willow coffins:** handmade from sustainable willow using traditional methods.



eco2 Round and  
Traditional **£394**





Pod Natural colour **£522**

Pod Light colour **£570**



Round and Traditional Light colour **£578**

Round and Traditional Natural colour **£562**



**English willow coffins** in different styles and many colours: handwoven from sustainable willow grown on the Somerset levels, colours created by natural methods of drying, boiling or bark stripping.



English Willow  
Round and Traditional,  
various colours **£712**



**Wooden coffins** in different styles and many colours: prices include handles and flower-holders.



Chiltern oak, veneer  
**£323**



Chiltern elm, veneer  
**£323**



Chiltern oak stained, veneer  
**£347**



Chiltern oak  
double-moulded, raised lid, veneer  
**£440**





Cavendish oak  
panel sides, double moulded, solid  
**£708**



Windsor oak  
double moulded, raised lid, solid  
**£695**

**Contemporary coffins** in many designs:



Daffodils  
**£675**

Golf  
**£675**





Pride  
**£675**

British Daisy Green  
**£675**



**Shroud and stretcher:**



Bamboo shroud and willow stretcher **£482**

## Ashes containers

Again, there are many different types to choose from so here's just a very small sample of what's available.



Woven ashes caskets in various shapes, made of bamboo, willow, pandanus and banana and come with a double-lined calico drawstring ashes bag.

**£46**



Ashes scattering tubes, many designs, in different sizes  
**£16**



Vault box, solid oak  
**£68**



Norfolk, solid oak stain  
**£79**



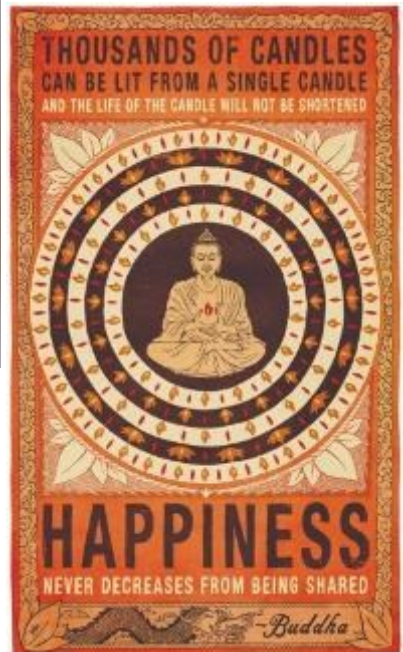
Artisan inlaid-wood ashes casket, made to order from Naples, Italy - from  
**£285**



## Memory candles

Buddha said *'Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the single candle will not be shortened. In the same way, happiness never decreases from being shared.'*

At the end of the ceremony, offer everyone a little tea-light candle to take away and light later, as a way of remembering your loved one and the happiness they shared.



Box, Buddha message and  
tea-light candle

**£3**

## Direct Cremations

We provide 2 distinct direct cremation services:

### **1. Simple Direct Cremation**

Fee from £1,250 + 3<sup>rd</sup> party costs from £535

Total cost from £1,785

Our Simple Direct Cremation service has all the essential care and practical elements of a cremation - but without the ceremonial aspects and costs. We can arrange everything over the phone with you or meet you face-to-face.

Our fee includes:

- moving your loved one into our care
- care of your loved one before their cremation\*
- managing the cremation paperwork and all arrangements
- confirming the time and date of the cremation to you
- delivery of ashes by hand within Kent or scattering of ashes at the crematorium

3<sup>rd</sup> party costs include:

- crematorium fees
- a simple eco-coffin
- a biodegradable ashes container



## **2. Direct cremation, with a little farewell gathering beforehand**

Fee from £1,700 + 3<sup>rd</sup> party costs from £535

Total cost from £2,235

Although there is no formal funeral ceremony at the crematorium with a direct cremation, we can still meet you and family and friends beforehand either at home, in the grounds of the crematorium or elsewhere, for a simple farewell gathering to say goodbye to your loved one.

Our fee includes:

- moving your loved one into our care
- care of your loved one before their cremation\*
- managing the cremation paperwork and all arrangements
- confirming the time and date of the cremation with you
- meeting you beforehand for a simple farewell gathering
- delivery of ashes by hand within Kent or scattering of ashes at the crematorium

3<sup>rd</sup> party costs include:

- crematorium fees
- a simple eco-coffin
- a biodegradable ashes container

Current crematorium direct cremation fees:

• Barham, nr Canterbury	£545
• Beckenham	£550
• Bluebell, Sevenoaks	£370
• Charing, nr Ashford	£545
• Eastbourne	£482
• Eltham	£435
• Garden of England, Sittingbourne	£275
• Hastings	£561
• Hawkinge	£550
• Hither Green, Lewisham (residents only)	£375
• Kent & Sussex, Tunbridge Wells	£580
• Medway, nr Rochester	£275
• Thames View, Gravesend	£275
• Thanet	£348
• Vintners Park, Maidstone	£365
• Wealden, nr Horam	£518

\* Ongoing care of your loved one after the first 5 days is charged at £30 per day



## Just Advice and Support

### **Our just advice and support fee starts from £250**

Did you know you don't have to use a funeral director?

If you're planning to make most or all arrangements and decisions yourself for a home-led or DIY funeral ceremony and celebration, we can help with as much or as little practical support and advice as you want.

Our service starts with an initial chat to discuss your plans - to work out together exactly how much help you're going to need. We'll then give you a fully-costed estimate.

We can meet you in person at home or at Applefield Cottage or we can arrange everything over the phone and by email if you prefer.

If plans change or you decide you need more help - we're flexible and can give more at any time. We'll update the estimate if necessary so you're always in control of how your money is being spent.

## Planning ahead for your funeral

If you're thinking ahead and want your loved ones to know what you'd like when the time comes, we can help you put these arrangements in place.

Importantly, planning ahead for your funeral does not mean you have to purchase a prepaid funeral plan. Here are two options for you to consider:

### **1<sup>st</sup> option: plan in advance - but don't pay in advance**

I'll discuss with you exactly what you want and then help put together a 'statement of wishes' followed by a detailed estimate of cost which you can give to your family and/or executors.

Cost: there is an administration fee of £100 payable for this service. This fee is refunded if you use us when the time comes for the funeral.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> option: plan in advance - and pay in advance - by purchasing a prepaid funeral plan**

Planning a funeral ahead of time is a sensitive topic and can be challenging to navigate. There are pros and cons to buying a prepaid funeral plan which I'm very happy to discuss with you.

My views are entirely independent - I don't have ties to any funeral plan company. I'm not registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and I can't give financial advice regarding the purchase of a funeral plan, which is an FCA regulated financial product. There will be fees and charges for purchasing a funeral plan.

## Invoicing and payment

If our estimate is under £2,750 we'll invoice you for the full amount.

If our estimate is more than £2,750 we'll invoice you for a 50% deposit payment. After the funeral we'll send you a final invoice for the balance.

These invoices are due for payment straightaway, unless we have agreed to a payment plan with you. Our business terms & conditions are printed on the back of the estimate.

We always issue invoices for payments due and receipts for payments made.

There is **no VAT** to pay on funeral fees. We accept payment by online banking, cheque, cash and card\*.

We support families with Funeral Expenses and Bereavement Payments from the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) and who need flexibility in the way payments are scheduled.

We are signatories to the Fair Funerals Pledge.

We can suggest ways of helping keep costs to a minimum if that's important - including ways your family and friends can be involved in making the funeral as personal as possible.

\* There may be a transaction charge if you choose to pay by card. We will confirm in advance if a transaction charge is due and also confirm your approval before proceeding.



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