

Dear Friends,

As Christians we live in the hope and reality that nothing separates us from the love of God, nothing in life and nothing in death. Jesus promised that all who come to him will have life eternally.

Still, one of the hardest things we face in life is the death of a loved one. The clergy, staff, and pastoral care team at St. David's offer their caring support and expertise to help families through the first difficult days. This brochure is designed to help you understand the choices and guidelines for planning funerals, memorial services, and burials.

Each family is guided through the decisions, carefully considering their individual needs and circumstances. The clergy will work closely with the family to plan the funeral, to offer thanks to God and to celebrate the life of their loved one. In the weeks that follow, both the clergy and pastoral care team will offer their support during the grieving process.

Please keep this brochure as a reference and feel free to ask any questions you might have.



*From The Book of Common Prayer*

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy in the certainty that, "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

### GUIDELINES FOR A BURIAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Rector or an Associate must give approval before scheduling a funeral or memorial service at St. David's. Please call the church office at 610.688.7947.

Plots are available both for full burials and cremations. Churchyard fees are included in this leaflet.

It is customary in the Episcopal Church for the funeral pall to cover the casket during the service as everyone is treated equally in the sight of God. The casket remains closed through the service.

#### BURIAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICE FEES

Payment of all fees is expected by the time of service.

##### General Fee

The fee for service preparation is \$300.

##### Clergy Honorarium

An honorarium of \$500 is given to the clergy person officiating the service.

##### Music

The Director of Music at the church will make arrangements for the music at the service. A soloist or instrumentalist is available, if desired, in addition to the organist. Please contact the Director of Music at the church office.

Organist	\$225
Additional Instrument	\$250
Soloist	\$250

### PURCHASING A GRAVESITE

Each gravesite is a single burial space which will normally accommodate two interments. The cost per space is \$1,500.

All prices include perpetual care of the site. Each gravesite measures approximately 4' x 8'. Gravesites may be purchased by appointment through the church office.

#### FEES FOR GRAVE OPENINGS

Single Depth	\$1,200
Double Depth	\$1,500
Cremations	\$600
Sexton's Fee	\$150

For emergency grave openings (less than 48 hours notice) there is an additional fee of \$250.

Ground conditions may prohibit double depth interments in some sections.

Tent (if requested) \$100

Monument Fee \$500.00



## RECEPTIONS

The St. David's Fellowship Hall is available for receptions at a fee of \$250 for a three hour period. Please call the church office to make arrangements if you are interested.

The family is also welcome to have a catered reception. The choice of a caterer is entirely made by the family, who assumes all responsibility. Soft drinks, wine and beer are allowed. No hard alcohol permitted. Please advise the church office if a reception is planned.

Additional flowers arrangements in the narthex may be moved to Fellowship Hall for the Reception.

## FLOWERS

The family is responsible for the flower arrangements. All altar arrangements must be in St. David's vases. Liners are available from the church to be taken and used by the florist. It is suggested there be no more than two large arrangements for the altar. All other flower arrangements will remain outside, flanking the door to the Church or in the Chapel narthex.

## MEMORIALS

Memorials may be given to St. David's in the name of the deceased. Please speak with the officiating clergy person for more information.

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS

You are welcome to choose a funeral director. Most of the local funeral directors have copies of our fees and are familiar with our policies. Any question about St. David's fees or policies should be referred to the church office for clarification.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

It is important that obituary notices be placed in the newspaper as soon as possible in order to inform friends of funeral arrangements. Your funeral director or the pastoral care committee can assist you.

## MONUMENTS

All monuments requested to be placed in the Graveyard must be in keeping with the general design and appearance of an historic colonial graveyard. (See "Graveyard Rules and Regulations" for more detail). A refundable fee of \$500.00 is required at the time of the interment to assure that an appropriate monument is secured and installed within 12 months of the burial. If one is not requested, reviewed and installed, the fee will be used to defer the cost of a gray-granite, flat marker with the decedent's name and dates of birth and death. The marker will be placed at the head of the burial plot.

A copy of the Rules and Regulation for the graveyard is available upon request.

The following company has done most of the stonework in the graveyard:

H. C. Wood, Inc.  
610.622.0550

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about the funeral service, please contact the officiating clergy person.

If you have questions regarding the graveyard, please contact the Parish Administrator.



**ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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## MEMORIAL SERVICES AND BURIALS

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