

**The United Benefice of  
St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick  
with St John, Yealand**

# *Funeral & Burial*

— *Information Booklet* —



## Stone Masons

If someone you love has died, we are here for you.

We can help you arrange a funeral which is meaningful and personal, either in Church or at a crematorium.

Useful information is available on the Church of England website: The funeral service step by step. (link below)

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/funeral-service-step-step>

We are a benefice of two parishes and three churches.

St Oswald's, Warton and St Mary's, Borwick comprise one parish and St John's, Yealand is another parish. The churches differ in size enabling our benefice to hold larger funerals but maintain a more intimate feel if few mourners are likely to attend.

We are currently in an interregnum and without a substantive Vicar. The primary contact to arrange a funeral is Annette MacKenzie: [annettemackenzie1@gmail.com](mailto:annettemackenzie1@gmail.com)

Where the Vicar is referred to in this booklet it means the person officiating the service.

### **Tony Holmes Ltd**

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Newgate,

Morecambe LA3 3PS

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## Funeral Directors

### **Alan Fawcett**

120 Kellet Road

Carnforth

01524 733048

<https://www.alanmfawcett.co.uk/>

### **J N Wilson**

50B Market Street

Carnforth

01524 732301

<https://wilsonsfunerals.co.uk/>

### **Fishwicks Funerals**

Beetham Hall

Milnthorpe

LA7 7BQ

015395 63108

<https://www.fishwicksfunerals.co.uk/>

### **Who can have a church funeral?**

Anyone living within the parish is legally able to have a funeral at the associated parish church or chapel within the parish (e.g. St Mary's) or a service taken by one of our clergy at a crematorium. This includes anyone who may live outside of the parish but is on the electoral roll of a church in the benefice or attends one of our churches regularly.

You can still have a church funeral, even if you (or the person who has died) are not a regular churchgoer.

Whoever you are, we would be very pleased to welcome you to our benefice.

### **Can we make the service personal to our family?**

Yes. There are some things (e.g. prayers), which are always included in a Church of England funeral, but there's also plenty of opportunity to choose your own music, readings and pictures in consultation with clergy. There is a service template that can help provide a structure to your ideas. There are a variety of options for the order of events on the day:

- Church service followed by burial/ cremation
- Cremation followed by church service.

Your funeral director will be able to advise you on this.

### **How much does it cost?**

We try to keep the costs down as much as possible, although there are certain legal fees that we have to charge for funerals. These will be included in the fees you pay to the Funeral Director, so you won't have to pay us anything directly. The table of fees is at the end of this document,

There are no charges for the funeral of a child (aged under 18).

Across the benefice we can provide a warm building and a warm welcome from our verger teams. There are slight differences in what each church in our benefice can offer:

\*denotes cost implication, see table of fees

### **St Oswald's**

- You may choose to have hymns accompanied by an organist\*
- You may have the choir to lead singing and/ or sing a particular piece\*
- You can use pre recorded music but must supply this on a device for playing. The church is licensed.
- Flowers in the church can be provided privately by the family or by the church\*
- Parking is limited to the surrounding streets

### **St John's**

- You may choose to have hymns accompanied by an organist\*
- You can use pre recorded music but must supply this on a device. The church is licensed.
- Flowers in the church can be provided privately by the family or by the church\*
- The service can be shared, privately, online. This enables those who are unable to be present to join you.
- The church can be used following the funerals and tea, coffee and biscuits can be provided on request\* Additional catering would have to be sourced separately by the family.
- Parking is limited to the lane outside the church.

## **Contacts**

Licensed Lay Minister (LLM): Annette MacKenzie:

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Funeral Coordinator: Vicki Bould

[victoriaatkins174@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaatkins174@gmail.com)

## Caterers

### The New Inn

40 Yealand Rd, Yealand Conyers, Carnforth LA5 9SJ

01524 805037

### St Mary's

- You may choose to have hymns accompanied by an organist\*
- You can use pre recorded music but must supply this on a device. The church is licensed.
- Flowers in the church can be provided privately by the family or by the church\*
- Parking is available opposite the church in the village hall car park.

### How to book.

Ask your funeral director to contact us and they will do the rest.

## Eco Church

Our churches are eco-churches and in line with our churches' commitment to caring for creation we continue to take many steps towards sustainability.

As one step is to eliminate floral foam in our churches we respectfully request all funeral and wedding flowers are designed with no foam in mind.

## Burials

Burials are currently possible at St Oswald's and St John's.

Anyone living within the parish is legally able to have a funeral at the associated parish church or chapel within the parish (e.g. St Mary's) or a service taken by one of our clergy at a crematorium. This includes anyone who may live outside of the parish but is on the electoral roll of a church in the benefice or attends one of our churches regularly. It may be possible in other circumstances and enquiries should be directed to the vicar. If a full burial is preferred the funeral director will arrange the digging of the plot.

## Interment of Ashes

It is possible to have ashes interred at St Oswald's, St John's or St Mary's.

You can have ashes interred in a family plot or interred separately. Please see the vicar to arrange the correct location.

We ask for ashes to be in a scatter tube.

The church will arrange the digging of the small plot.

Please contact the clergy to find a mutually convenient time and date for this.

## Local Fees:

These are in addition to the statutory parochial fees and only apply to those you choose to use.

Funerals	Fee (£)
Verger	50
Organist	80
Heating (when required)	50
Verger (digging the grave for cremated remains)	50
Choir	200
Book of Remembrance	15

NOTES: B1. Definitions etc.

**'Burial'** includes deposit in a vault or brick grave and the interment or deposit of cremated remains.

**'Churchyard'** includes the curtilage of a church and a burial ground of a church whether or not immediately adjoining such church. (NOTE: *This includes any area used for the interment of cremated remains within such a curtilage or burial ground, whether consecrated or not.*)

**'Cemetery'** means any burial ground other than a churchyard. '

**'Monument'** includes headstone, cross, kerb, border, vase, chain, railing, tablet, plaque, marker, flatstone, tombstone or monument or tomb of any other kind.

**'immediately preceding or following on from service in church'** includes the day before and the day after the service in church. See note at the top right of the table. Where " – " appears in the table no fee is payable to the body indicated.

B2. Funerals & Burials

i) No fee is payable in respect of a burial of a still-born infant, or for the funeral or burial of a person dying within eighteen years after birth.

ii) The fee for a burial in a churchyard or cemetery on a separate occasion applies when burial does not take place on the same day as, or on the day before or the day after, a service in church.

iii) The certificate issued at the time of burial is a certified copy of the entry in the register book of burials kept under the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978.

## Memorials

There are guidelines and rules covering what sort of memorials can and cannot be added to the church yard. Blackburn Diocese has information on churchyard regulations on their web page. (link below)

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/churchyard-regulations-including>

The stone mason will be able to advise you on this and contact details are at the back of this leaflet.

## Thinking about planning your own funeral?

Thinking about your own funeral is a really good thing to do, even if it's hopefully quite a long way off!

There is lots of helpful guidance on the Church of England webpage. Any member of the benefice team would be more than happy to chat to you too.

<p><b>This is the table of Parochial fees relating to funerals from January 2026. The accompanying notes can be found on the following page.</b></p> <p><b>The full table is available on the Blackburn Diocese website.</b></p>	<p>Fee payable to Diocesan Board of Finance</p>	<p>Fee payable to Parochial church council</p>	<p>Total fee payable</p>
<p><b>A. Service in Church</b></p> <p>Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note B1)</p> <p>Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church</p> <p>Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church</p> <p>Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church</p> <p>Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church</p> <p>Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))</p> <p>Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))</p> <p>Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))</p>	<p>132</p> <p>19</p> <p>19</p> <p>37</p> <p>37</p> <p>54</p> <p>54</p> <p>70</p>	<p>112</p> <p>371</p> <p>152</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>371</p> <p>152</p> <p>20</p>	<p>244</p> <p>390</p> <p>171</p> <p>37</p> <p>37</p> <p>425</p> <p>206</p> <p>90</p>
<p><b>B. No Service in Church</b></p> <p>B. No Service in Church Funeral service (including burial of body) at graveside in churchyard</p> <p>Funeral service (including burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in churchyard</p> <p>Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery</p> <p>Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation</p> <p>Cremation immediately preceding or following on from funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director</p> <p>Burial of body in churchyard, not following service at graveside (committal only)</p> <p>Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of remains (committal only)</p> <p>Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only)</p>	<p>132</p> <p>132</p> <p>207</p> <p>244</p> <p>37</p> <p>54</p> <p>54</p> <p>37</p>	<p>371</p> <p>152</p> <p>37</p> <p>–</p> <p>–</p> <p>371</p> <p>152</p> <p>–</p>	<p>503</p> <p>284</p> <p>244</p> <p>244</p> <p>37</p> <p>425</p> <p>206</p> <p>37</p>
<p><b>C. Certificate issued at time of burial (See note B2iii)</b></p>	<p>–</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>20</p>