



SIMPLICITY FUNERALS CHRISTCHURCH

# Funeral Planning Guide

For Christchurch Families

*Everything you need — at your own pace, in your own time.*

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**This pack contains:** A guide to the first 24 hours · Our plans & pricing · Casket selection · Urn & keepsake selection · Personal wishes & information · Pre-planning information · Pre-payment information · Financial assistance

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Free. No pressure. No follow-up calls unless you want them.

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# The First 24 Hours

*A calm guide to what needs to happen — and when.*

The hours immediately after a death can feel overwhelming. You do not need to do everything at once. This is a calm guide to what needs to happen, and when.

## Step 1 — Confirm the death

If your loved one was in a hospital or rest home, staff will guide you through this step. If they died at home, call their GP or, outside of hours, dial 111. A doctor will need to attend to certify the death before your loved one can be transferred into our care.

## Step 2 — Call us

You do not need to have made any decisions before you call. Simply let us know and we will take care of everything from here — transferring your loved one into our care and walking you through each step at whatever pace suits your family.

Call us any time, day or night: (03) 379 0196

## Step 3 — Notify close family and friends

Let immediate family know first. There is no right or wrong order. Take your time. You do not need to notify everyone immediately — that can happen over the following days.

## Step 4 — Locate important documents

When you are ready, it will help to locate the following:

- Will or advance care directive
- Birth certificate
- Marriage or civil union certificate (if applicable)
- Any pre-arranged funeral plan documents
- Details of any life insurance policies



You do not need to do all of this alone. Call us and we will walk you through every step at whatever pace suits your family.

# Our Plans & Pricing

*Six plans. One standard of care. Clear prices. No pressure.*

Every Simplicity plan includes the same standard of care. What differs is the type of service and level of personalisation. All prices are fully inclusive — no hidden costs, no asterisks.

We will always give you a written, itemised estimate before you commit to anything.

All these options can be adjusted for burial – contact us for more detailed information in each plan

| PLAN                     | WHAT'S INCLUDED  | FROM            |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Simply Dignified</b>  | No service. Direct cremation. Our most affordable option.  | <b>\$4,215</b>  |
| <b>Simply Personal</b>   | Viewing of your loved one for up to 10 people, followed by cremation.  | <b>\$5,265</b>  |
| <b>Simply Family</b>     | Informal gathering of up to 20 people in our lounge for 3 hours, followed by cremation — or your loved one at home followed by cremation.  | <b>\$6,365</b>  |
| <b>Simply Together</b>   | A small private intimate funeral service, life celebration, or memorial service in our memories lounge   | <b>\$7,995</b>  |
| <b>Simply Respectful</b> | Funeral service, life celebration, or memorial service at Canterbury or Harewood Chapel, followed by cremation.<br><br>(includes up to 80 service sheets, slideshow, livestreaming, celebrant, 3 types of caskets to choose from, all mortuary care, hearse, transfers, cremation fee, death registration)<br><br><i>Many additional options avail (costs apply)</i> | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| <b>Simply Your Way</b>   | Completely personalised. If you can describe it, we can arrange it. We'll provide a written estimate.  | <b>POA</b>      |

*Pricing correct as of June 2026. For current pricing please call us or visit [christchurch.simplicity.co.nz](http://christchurch.simplicity.co.nz)*

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# Casket Selection

*A full range to suit every style and every budget.*

## Standard Range

| ITEM           | PRICE<br>INCL. GST |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Brunner        | \$1,450            |
| Murchison      | \$1,550            |
| Tussock        | \$1,950            |
| Greymouth      | \$1,950            |
| Taupo          | \$1,950            |
| Oxford         | \$1,950            |
| Alexandra      | \$2,200            |
| Wanaka         | \$2,450            |
| Pukaki         | \$2,450            |
| Custom Painted | \$2,290            |

*Painted caskets are available in any Resene colour. Please allow two days for painting.*

*Please Note: variations in grain & colour may occur*



**Brunner**



**Murchison**



**Tussock**



**Greymouth**



**Taupo**



**Oxford**



**Alexandra**



**Wanaka**



**Pukaki**

## Premium & Natural Burial Suitable Range

| ITEM                        | PRICE<br>INCL. GST |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Kotuku                      | \$3,450            |
| Southern Pine — Dee Handles | \$2,850            |
| Southern Pine — Rope Handle | \$3,000            |
| Willow                      | \$2,825            |
| Wool — White                | \$2,950            |
| Wool — Grey                 | \$2,950            |
| Clarence                    | \$6,250            |

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*The Eco Pine, Willow, and Wool caskets are fully natural and biodegradable - suitable for burial and natural burial options.*

Not sure where to start? That's completely normal.  
Your funeral director will sit with you and help you find what feels right — with no pressure.



**Kotuku**



**Willow**



**Southern Pine Rope Handle**



**Southern Pine Dee Handle**



**Woollen Casket White**



**Woollen Casket - Grey**



**Clarence**

# Urns & Keepsakes

*Ways to honour and remember.*

Choosing an urn or keepsake is a personal decision. Some families know exactly what they'd like; others prefer to take a little time. There is no rush — your funeral director will guide you through the options gently.

## Classic Urns

| ITEM         | PRICE<br>INCL. GST |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Tussock      | \$250              |
| Greymouth    | \$250              |
| Taupo        | \$250              |
| Oxford Gloss | \$250              |
| Oxford Satin | \$250              |
| Alexandra    | \$300              |
| Pukaki       | \$300              |
| Wanaka       | \$300              |



TUSSOCK



GREYMOUTH



OXFORD (GLOSS)



OXFORD (SATIN)



TAUPO



ALEXANDRA



PUKAKI



WANAKA

# Solid Wood Urns

| ITEM                               | PRICE<br>INCL. GST |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Southern Pine Oblong               | \$300              |
| Southern Pine Shaped               | \$300              |
| Country Pine                       | \$350              |
| Macrocarpa Oiled                   | \$350              |
| Clarence Paua Trim                 | \$350              |
| Alexandra Grecian                  | \$425              |
| Alexandra Shaped                   | \$425              |
| Clarence Grecian                   | \$425              |
| Clarence Shaped                    | \$425              |
| Mangōpare & Poutama — Māori carved | \$425              |

*The Mangōpare (hammerhead shark) symbolises strength and determination.  
The Poutama ('stairway to heaven') pattern from Māori weaving carries deep spiritual meaning.*



SOLID RIMU  
PAUA TRIM



MACROCARPA  
OILED



SOUTHERN PINE  
(OBLONG)



SOUTHERN PINE  
(SHAPED)



ALEXANDRA  
(GRECIAN)



ALEXANDRA  
(SHAPED)



MANGŌPARE

*The Mangōpare symbol shows the hammerhead shark. It symbolises strength, determination, strong will, and fighting spirit.*



POUTAMA

*The Poutama (stairway to heaven) pattern is found in Māori weaving and plaiting. Poutama has significant spiritual and educational meanings.*



COUNTRY PINE



CLARENCE  
(GRECIAN)



CLARENCE  
(SHAPED)



## Scatter Tubes

Available in Keepsake, Small, and Large. Designs include Bluebell Forest, Dove, Forget Me Not, Ocean Sunset, Rainbow Pond, Sunflower Meadow, Sunset, Roses, Autumn, Butterfly, Poppy, Forest, Night Sky, Orchid, Rose, and Autumn Woods. Stock availability can vary.

| ITEM                  | PRICE<br>INCL. GST |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Scatter Tube — Small  | \$40               |
| Scatter Tube — Medium | \$75               |
| Scatter Tube — Large  | \$110              |

### KEEPSAKE | SMALL | LARGE

*(Please note stock availability can vary, some designs not available in all sizes)*



Bluebell Forest



Dove



Forget Me Not



Ocean Sunset



Rainbow Pond



Sunflower Meadow



Sunset



Roses



Autumn



Butterfly



Poppy



Forest



Night Sky



Orchid



Rose



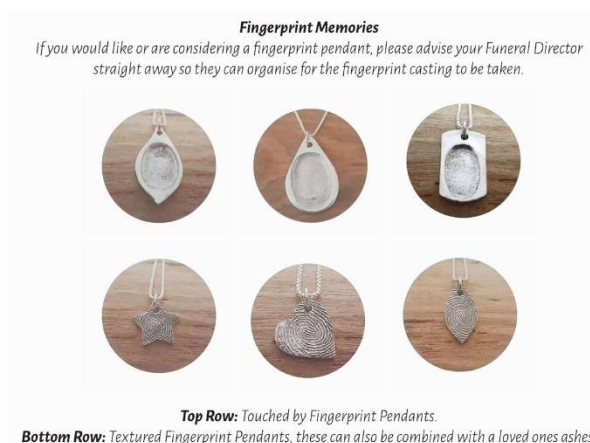
Autumn Woods



## Fingerprint Memory Keepsakes

A deeply personal way to keep your loved one close. If you'd like to consider a fingerprint pendant, please let your funeral director know as early as possible so the casting can be arranged.

| I T E M                            | P R I C E<br>I N C L . G S T |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fingerprint Pendant — Silver       | \$230                        |
| Fingerprint Pendant — Gold Plated  | \$295                        |
| Textured Ashes Fingerprint Pendant | \$295                        |



## Memorial Jewellery

We carry a curated range of Keepsakes With Love memorial jewellery — beautiful pieces that can hold a small portion of ashes or simply serve as a lasting reminder. Styles include the Compassion, Devotion, Infinity, Hope, and Affection Necklaces, Endless Rings, and Cross Necklaces.

See the full range here <https://keepsakes-chc.simplicity.co.nz/>



# Your Personal Wishes & Information

*A simple record to keep somewhere safe.*

This section is for you to complete in your own time — whether you're pre-planning for yourself or recording the wishes of a loved one. There are no right or wrong answers. Only yours.

Once completed, keep a copy somewhere safe and let the people you trust know where to find it.

## YOUR DETAILS

Title  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Dr

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First names \_\_\_\_\_

Name at birth (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Years lived in NZ (if not born here) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Descended from NZ Māori?  Yes  No  Don't know

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation / profession \_\_\_\_\_

Was the deceased a Justice of the Peace?  Yes  No

Honour / award (not military) \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR CHILDREN

### CHILDREN

Ages / dates of birth of living daughters \_\_\_\_\_

Ages / dates of birth of living sons \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased children and age at death \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR PARENTS

### MOTHER

Given names \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Name at birth - given names \_\_\_\_\_

Name at birth - surname \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### FATHER

Given names \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Name at birth - given names \_\_\_\_\_

Name at birth - surname \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_



# Pre-planning

## How pre-planning works and what it costs

Pre-planning a funeral is not about dying. It is about living — on your own terms. It is one of the kindest things you can do for the people you love.

### What pre-planning means

Pre-planning means recording your wishes and your family won't be left guessing, and this will help ease those decisions at that time.

### What a pre-plan includes

- Your preferred type of service (burial, cremation, natural burial)
- Music, readings, and any personal requests
- The people you'd like involved
- Location of important documents
- Any specific wishes for your ashes or burial
- The option to pre-pay towards your expenses

### What it costs

A pre-plan consultation with Simplicity Funerals is completely free. There is no obligation to proceed.

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# Pre-payment

*A quiet decision that protects the people you love — and gives you complete peace of mind.*

## How pre-payment towards your funeral works

Once you decide to proceed, here is what happens:

- We sit down together and record your wishes — the type of service, music, readings, and any personal requests.
- We provide a written estimate of the cost of the funeral you have described.
- You decide how much to pre-pay. There is no requirement to cover the full amount.
- Your prepayment is held securely in The Funeral Trust — independently administered by the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand.
- When the time comes, your family simply contacts us. Everything is already in place.

## Your money is protected

Your prepayment is not held by Simplicity Funerals — it is held independently in The Funeral Trust, administered by the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand. This means your funds are safe regardless of any changes to your circumstances or ours.

The Funeral Trust is not an insurance policy. There are no personal questions to answer, and no health checks required.

**Your prepayment is held securely in The Funeral Trust — independent, protected, and there when your family needs it.**

*If you receive a pension, it is worth knowing pre-payment towards funerals up to \$10,000 are excluded from residential care asset testing.*

## Protecting your pension

Pre-paying towards your funeral can also protect your eligibility for residential care subsidies. Under current New Zealand rules, pre-payment towards your funeral costs up to \$10,000 are excluded from asset testing when assessing your entitlement to residential care support.

## Financial assistance

### Financial assistance options in Christchurch

If cost is a concern, please know that help is available — and we will always tell you about every option before you make any decision.

#### Work and Income — Funeral Grant

Work and Income NZ offers a funeral grant to help cover the cost of a funeral for people who meet certain criteria. The amount varies depending on your circumstances. We can help you apply.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/funeral-grant.html>

#### ACC — Funeral Costs

If your loved one died as a result of an accident, ACC may cover some or all of the funeral costs. This includes workplace accidents, road accidents, and many other situations. We handle the ACC process on your behalf.

<https://www.acc.co.nz/im-injured/financial-support/financial-support-after-death>

#### Veterans' Affairs

If the person who died served in the New Zealand Armed Forces, Veterans' Affairs NZ may contribute to funeral costs. Contact Veterans' Affairs directly or ask us to assist.

**We will never let financial stress prevent a family from giving someone a dignified farewell. Talk to us — we will find a way.**

For a no-obligation conversation about costs and what assistance may be available, call us on (03) 379 0196 or email [gbs@simplicity.co.nz](mailto:gbs@simplicity.co.nz).



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*Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No obligation. No pressure.*

You are welcome to call us at any time — day or night. There is no obligation to proceed, and no pressure of any kind. We are here to help you understand your options, at whatever pace suits you.

*This guide is provided free of charge by Simplicity Funerals Christchurch.*

*Pricing correct as of May 2026. Please contact us for current pricing or visit our website [Christchurch.simplicity.co.nz](http://Christchurch.simplicity.co.nz).*