

Help and Guidance Following the Loss of a Child



Walter C. Parson
Funeral Directors



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The Walter C. Parson Group

Here to Guide and Help You

The loss of a child of any age is a devastating event. At Walter C. Parson we cannot change what has happened, but we can promise a professional and seamless service. Our attention to detail and understanding is there to provide you with a memorable goodbye for even the briefest of little lives.

From your first contact with us every request will be acknowledged and attended to.

This brochure is here to guide and help you with some of the practical decisions you have to make, regarding your child's funeral. It is not designed to be exhaustive, but will hopefully encourage you to feel comfortable when discussing arrangements with your Funeral Director.

Our fully trained and qualified staff will be able to advise you on the necessary procedures involved in organising the funeral and assist with any special requests.

You can choose whether we visit you in your own home or you may prefer to visit one of our offices.

A baby or child funeral can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. There is no right or wrong way and no guidebook for such an event.

We appreciate that the loss of a child can be a painful and confusing time. Our staff will ensure you are never rushed and every decision you make will be given the time and care it deserves.

We encourage you to take time and ensure your decisions are right for YOU.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or enquire if you wish to do something for your child. We will do our very best to ensure your baby or child receives the dignified goodbye they deserve.



Burial

There are different options to consider when opting for a burial. The interment can take place in a churchyard, cemetery or woodland burial site.

There may be a charge for the grave, but your Funeral Director will be able to guide you through the different options that are available.

A service can be held in church, in the chapel at the cemetery or another venue. Alternatively, the service or ceremony can be conducted at the graveside.

Weston Mill and Efford Cemeteries

- Baby Garden (Weston Mill only)
Restricted memorialisation
(plaques are available)
- Full size grave
Full size headstone
Two further adult burials possible

Ford Park Cemetery

- Single grave
- Sloping block tablet memorial only
- Two further cremated remains burials possible

For information on other cemeteries, churchyards or burial grounds in your area please speak to your Funeral Director.

Cremation

There are two crematoria located in Plymouth, The Park and Tamar Valley.

Other crematoria are located in Bodmin, Exeter, Torquay and East Devon.

Each crematorium has a chapel where the service can take place, or a service can be held in a Church or another venue.

Please speak to your Funeral Director about options regarding cremated remains.



Our Services

The services we provide listed below are free of charge:

Conveyance

Bringing your child into our care (15 mile radius from any of our offices).

Funeral Director

To give guidance on registration and other documents and conducting the funeral.

Care of Your Child

Up to and including the day of the funeral.

A Simple Casket

Suitably fitted for burial or cremation.

Funeral Vehicle

For carriage of the casket or coffin to the service and place of committal (within the local area) and any necessary bearers.



Coffins and Caskets



Traditional White Casket - Free of Charge



Coloured Casket - £120

Coffins and Caskets



Classic Coffin £225



Natural Coffin £240



Classic Coloured Coffin £145



Colourful Coffin £420

*Please Note:
This is a specifically designed coffin
which takes three working days to
be delivered following approval of
the final proof by the family.*

Floral Tributes

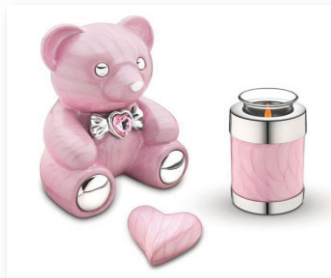
We are able to help you with floral tributes, newspaper notices and memorials on request.



Keepsakes and Jewellery

We offer a wide range of keepsakes and fingerprint jewellery.

Please ask your Funeral Director for more information or to see a full brochure.



The Cost of a Funeral

The cost of a funeral is made up of three parts:

- Disbursements
- The Funeral
- Additional Charges

The Disbursements

These are the fees the Funeral Director initially pays on your behalf and includes:

- Fees at the crematorium or cemetery
- The minister's fee or for a church service
- The organist's fee

The Funeral

The cost of the funeral varies depending on the coffin or casket chosen. All our services are included within this cost.

This includes:

- Bringing your child into our care
- Care of your child
- Use of our Chapel of Rest during office hours
- Arranging the funeral
- Providing suitable transport
- The provision of any necessary staff

Additional Charges

Transport

Limousine <i>for 4 passengers</i>	£260.00
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Orders of Service

Per copy	£3.65
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Grave Markers

Small cross	£50.00
Large cross	£75.00
Marker plaque	£37.50

Other Services Include

- Dove release
- Floral tributes
- Newspaper notices
- Cremated remains casket
- Reflections

There are many more personal touches available on request.

Please ask a member of staff who will be more than happy to help you.

*We will provide a written estimate and confirmation in advance of the funeral.
You will be sent an itemised final account soon afterwards.*

Useful Contact Numbers

Register Office Numbers

Your Doctor or Midwife will give you a medical certificate, which needs to be taken to the Register Office. The Registrar will then issue you the relevant certificate for burial or cremation, which you will need to give to your Funeral Director before the funeral takes place.

If an appointment with the Registrar is required, they can be contacted on the following numbers:

Plymouth

1 Derriford Business Park, PL6 5QZ
01752 268 331

Tavistock

Abbey Rise, Whitchurch Road,
PL19 9AS
0845 155 1002

Totnes

Follaton House, Plymouth Road,
TQ9 5NE
0845 155 1002

Newton Abbot

Devon House, Brunel Road,
TQ12 4PB
0345 155 1002

Torbay

Paignton Library,
Great Western Road, TQ4 5AG
01803 207 130

Cornwall

Any Register Office
0300 123 4181

Exeter

Coaver Club (County Hall Grounds),
Topsham Road, EX2 4QX
0345 155 1002



Ongoing Support

Charities

There are a lot of local and national charities that can give you help, support and advice after the death of a child.



www.sands.org.uk
02074 365881

A charity supporting anyone affected by the loss of a child and promoting research to reduce the loss of babies' lives.



www.tommys.org
02073 983400

A charity that funds medical research into miscarriage, still birth and remature birth.



www.bliss.org.uk
0808 801 0322

Bliss exists to give every baby born premature or sick in the UK the best chance of survival and quality of life.



www.childbereavement.org
01494 568900

Supports families when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

Useful Books

Empty Cradle, Broken Heart - *by Deborah L Davis*

When a Baby Dies - *by Nancy Kohner and Alix Henley*

Beyond Tears: Living After Losing a Child - *by Ellen Mitchell*

Crownhill, The Firs

702 Budshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL6 5DY
01752 76 76 76

Callington, The Old Police Station

1 Saltash Road, Callington, PL17 7BB
01579 382 000

Exeter, Decimus

206 Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 6AA
01392 43 33 33

Ivybridge, Riverside

9 Costly Street, Ivybridge, PL21 0DB
01752 69 09 09

Newton Abbot, Kings House

Kings Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2LG
01626 33 44 44

Plympton, St Mary's View

2 Market Road, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1QW
01752 343 848

Plymstock, Barton

Horn Lane, Plymstock, Plymouth, PL9 9BR
01752 40 40 42

Saltash, Pengelly

139 Fore Street, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 6AB
01752 84 88 38

St Judes, Salsbury House

11 Tothill Avenue, St Judes, Plymouth, PL4 8PJ
01752 665 438

Tavistock, The Stables

32 West Street, Tavistock, PL19 8JY
01822 617 300

Torpoint, Pidgen and Son

4 Trevol Business Park, Torpoint, PL11 2TB
01752 812 479

Torquay, Babbacombe

147 Babbacombe Road, Torquay, TQ1 3SU
01803 329 494