



What Else Should I Know?

When you give altar flowers for a service, you need to provide two arrangements. Both arrangements will be put in the church's brass vases before they are placed on the reredos behind the altar. You choose the florist. Please place your order with a florist 2-3 weeks before your scheduled Sunday. You are responsible for the payment to the florist. This brochure provides a list of local florists in Winchester and a parishioner who does arrangements as well.

If you choose to not use a florist and want to make your own arrangements, make sure they are in receptacles that will fit into our brass vases. Artificial or silk flowers are not permitted for use on the altar or as decorations within Christ Church.

The tall brass vases are 10" tall.

The rectangular brass vases are 8.5" X 2.5"
You may request a complete brochure detailing the vases we use and showing the dimensions of the space in the sanctuary.

Information about Florists

Flower arrangements are normally delivered to the church between 9:30 am and 10:00 am on the Saturday prior to the Sunday for which you have given the flowers. Please make sure the florist knows the date and time to deliver the arrangements for your service.

Local Florists in Winchester

Costs are approximately \$45 - \$50 per arrangement depending on flowers used and personal preferences.

Judith Anderson, Parishioner

Winchester, VA 22603

Call for availability and costs

540-662-1993

Bluebells

6 W. Boscawen St

Winchester, VA 22601

535-7279

Flowers BY Snellings

23 N Braddock St

Winchester, VA 22601

662-2555

Smalts Florists

442 National Ave

Winchester, VA 22601

667-0302

Winchester Floral

1939 Valley Ave

Winchester, VA 22601

667-8414

*The florists listed are local florist provided for your convenience. You are not limited to this list.

Altar Flower Giving Guide

Christ Episcopal Church Winchester, Virginia



*Consider the lilies of the fields in all
of their beauty and radiance.*

Sunday Services

The giving of altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for family, friends or special occasions is a lovely way to honor them. You may have provided the altar flowers for a Sunday service in the past, or have indicated that you would like to give the altar flowers for a Sunday in the future. We will need to confirm your decision to provide altar flowers for a specific Sunday and get the details.

When you provide flowers, please place your order 2-3 weeks before your scheduled Sunday. The space on the reredos requires that you provide two arrangements. Since all arrangements must be put into our brass vases before they are placed on the reredos behind the altar, they must arrive in containers that will fit into the church's brass vases. Following the service, the family may take the flowers. If the family wishes, the flowers will be taken to members of the parish who are unable to attend services.

You will receive a call or an email from our flower coordinator to confirm your decision. At that time, if you plan to provide flowers, you will finalize the specific date and wording to appear in the service bulletin. You will contact the florist of your choice and arrange payment. If you have questions, you may also email communications@christchurchwinchester.org or call 540-662-5843.



Weddings

A florist normally provides the flowers. The couple is responsible for ordering the flower arrangements and paying for them as well. The space requires that two arrangements are put into the church's brass vases and placed on the reredos behind the altar. A member of Christ Church Altar Guild will meet with the couple to help with flower decisions. It is customary that flowers remain on the altar for the following Sunday Service. The flowers will then be taken to members of the parish who are unable to attend services.

The altar linens and hangings will be white. Fresh greens may be used in the windows. Artificial or silk flowers are not appropriate anywhere in the sanctuary.

No decorations or alterations of the inside or outside of the sanctuary will be made without the approval of the clergy and the altar guild.

*If you have additional questions, call
Lucia Thomas, Altar Guild Chairperson.
540-662-0278*

or

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Funeral or Memorial Service

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Flowers – The only flowers used in the Church during the funeral or memorial service are the two arrangements that are put in the church's brass vases and placed on the reredos behind the altar. The purchase and decisions concerning these two floral arrangements are usually handled by the family. However, if you would like some assistance with floral decisions, please let the clergy know.

Following the service, the family may take the flowers. If the family wishes, the flowers will be taken to members of the parish who are unable to attend services, symbolizing the continuation of life after death.

The Use of a Pall on the casket – The pall is a large white cloth which emphasizes the equality of all persons before God. When the casket is present at the funeral, as the casket enters the Church, any other coverings or ornaments, including floral sprays, are removed from the casket and the casket will be covered with the pall. The pall will remain on the casket during the service and will be removed at the door of the Church as the casket is carried out. Other hangings or ornaments can then be placed back on the casket.

The Use of a Pall on the urn - The urn is placed on a small wooden table at the front of the sanctuary. A smaller white pall is used to cover the urn.

