

## About Simplicita Cremations

**Simplicita Cremations** are provided by Nick Gandon Funeral Services, a Fylde-based family firm with origins in 1970.

We believe that a dignified funeral need not be expensive.

In a world of sometimes difficult and costly decisions, we offer a wide choice of simple cremation options - together with a transparent, open pricing approach.

So many of our clients have chosen Simplicita simply because we offer a friendly, understanding alternative to some of the more 'traditional' options. Others prefer our 'no-nonsense' pricing policy, and the often 70% saving it allows when compared to the full costs of a Traditional funeral.

**This "Simplicita Silver" website offers a wide choice of arrangements - from the most basic 'Direct Cremation', through to a choice of simple and more Traditional funerals. These extended Simplicita options are available only within the geographic areas of Preston, Blackpool, and the Fylde Coast.**

We also offer a dedicated 'Direct Cremation' service throughout mainland England and Wales. You can visit that website at [www.simplicitacremations.co.uk](http://www.simplicitacremations.co.uk).

We are proud to have been recommended by The Good Funeral Guide for the last three years running, and are associate corporate members of the ICCM - the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management.

Because we have presented our costs and services in an "emotionally neutral" way on this website, please do not mistake this for a lack of sympathy or understanding.

Our intention is to present our fees and facilities in an open, transparent fashion, enabling you to make a clear, unpressured comparison and choice.

If you decide to ask us for further details or a free no-obligation quotation, we hope you will find us caring, friendly, and above all, professional.

## Chapel of Rest

Our private mortuary and Chapel of Rest is situated within the grounds of Park Crematorium, Lytham.

The newly refurbished Westpark Chapel combines two non-denominational Rest Rooms, together with modern mortuary facilities.

Beautifully sited in leafy parkland, with woodpeckers, foxes, butterflies and abundant wildlife quite literally on it's doorstep, this is a most fitting last resting place prior to cremation or burial.

Dependent upon your choice of arrangement, families may attend our Chapel of Rest for either a private moment with the coffin, or for a small family gathering to say goodbye. This may be either prior to, or on the day of the cremation.

Visitation is by appointment only, 7 days a week, allowing the more convenient time over a weekend, for a family to meet. Alternatively, for a larger and more public gathering, the main crematorium chapel may be used on the day of the cremation.

Viewing of the Deceased is very much a matter of personal choice. Whilst some feel the need to assure themselves that death has indeed taken place, and to have one last visual image of their loved-one, friend or colleague, others may feel content with memories of happier times.

A coffin may be open or closed dependent upon family instructions, and choice of arrangement.

Please note that an open coffin is not allowed in the main crematorium chapel.

## Payment Options

Payment for our services may be made by card, cheque, cash or bank transfer. We recommend payment by card, and accept VISA, Maestro, MasterCard or American Express. No surcharge is payable.

Recent years have seen many changes in the way funeral accounts are presented and settled. The once acceptable norm of making payment weeks or even months following a funeral is now, unfortunately, very much a thing of the past.

Financial constraints require that most funeral directors now require either a deposit, or at least, payment of the 'disbursements' (those external fees for services not provided directly by the undertaker), prior to the funeral taking place.

Most undertakers find themselves no longer able to sustain the current high cost of providing the substantial unsecured credit to their clients that was once the 'norm', and via their account.

We recognise that pre-payment for a funeral, in full, and at the time of need is the way forward. This allows us to save up to 30% off the cost our professional fees. We pass this saving directly back to our clients, in the form of our reduced charges.

Choosing a service from us requires full payment prior to the funeral taking place, unless guarantee of payment is received in writing from a recognised professional or bank. All prices shown on this website assume pre-funeral settlement.

Post-funeral payment, where this has been agreed, will incur a surcharge.

## Total Simplicita

**The TOTAL SIMPLICITA arrangement is a Direct Cremation service.**

This provides just cremation. There is no viewing, cortege, or any form of service with the coffin present.

This arrangement is most suitable for those families who prefer to hold their own form of 'goodbye', perhaps at a more appropriate time and place.

The ashes may be strewn in the crematorium grounds, or returned to the family.

**Our fees include our professional services, removal of the Deceased from a hospital, hospice or mortuary within 20 miles and during normal office hours, the provision of a simple coffin suitable for cremation, appropriate shelter and care of the Deceased, preparation of necessary documentation and transfer to the crematorium**

- Our Professional fees **£550.00**
- Cremation fees and sundry disbursements **£450.00**
- Medical Certification fees **£152.00**  
*If HM Coroner has completed a medical examination, then the £152.00 certification fees do not apply.*

**Typical cost of the Total Simplicita option is £1152.00**

### Additional cost choices:

- Removal of Deceased from residential address (incl nursing / care home) within office hours **£100.00**
- Removal of Deceased from residential address (incl nursing / care home) outside office hours **£150.00**
- Local return of ashes in simple transit urn **£25.00**
- Local return of ashes in solid wood ashes casket with nameplate **£65.00**
- Courier service for ashes - UK or worldwide - **ask for details**

This is not an exhaustive list of cost choice options. Our complete price list is available on request.

Where bariatric or obese factors are present, causing additional or unusual requirements, we respectfully reserve the right to either decline or withdraw our services at any time, and/or make additional charges where these become necessary.

## Simplicita Silver

**The SIMPLICITA SILVER arrangement is an enhanced Direct Cremation service.**

This includes cremation and visitation at our Chapel of Rest, but without cortege or service at the crematorium

This arrangement is most suitable for those families who prefer to hold their own form of 'goodbye', perhaps at a more appropriate time and place. Visitation at our Chapel of Rest is included, where a small gathering or simple service may be held.

**Our fees include our professional services, removal of the Deceased from a hospital, hospice or mortuary within 20 miles, and during normal office hours, the provision of a simple coffin suitable for cremation, appropriate shelter and care of the Deceased, preparation of necessary documentation and transfer to the crematorium.**

- Our Professional fees including use of our Chapel of Rest for visitation or small gathering (single visit by appointment - closed coffin) **£595.00**
- Cremation fees and sundry disbursements **£450.00**
- Medical Certification fees **£152.00**  
*If HM Coroner has completed a medical examination, then the £152.00 certification fees do not apply.*

**Typical cost of the Simplicita Silver option is £1197.00**

### Additional cost choices:

- Removal of Deceased from residential address (incl nursing / care home) within office hours **£100.00**
- Removal of Deceased from residential address (incl nursing / care home) outside office hours **£150.00**
- Local return of ashes in simple transit urn **£25.00**
- Local return of ashes in solid wood ashes casket with nameplate **£65.00**
- Courier service for ashes - UK or worldwide - **ask for details**
- Use of our private chapel of rest for viewing and /or small gathering (open coffin) **£150.00** (This includes enhanced coffin features and embalming where appropriate - single visit by appointment)

This is not an exhaustive list of cost choice options. Our complete price list is available on request.

Where bariatric or obese factors are present, causing additional or unusual requirements, we respectfully reserve the right to either decline or withdraw our services at any time, and/or make additional charges where these become necessary.

## Silver Plus

**The SILVER PLUS arrangement is a simple cremation service.**

This includes cremation and visitation, cortege and service at the crematorium.

This arrangement is most suitable for those families who wish the cortege to depart from their home address. Visitation at our Chapel of Rest is included, if desired, prior to the main service at the crematorium chapel.

**Our fees include our professional services, removal of the Deceased from a hospital, hospice or mortuary within 20 miles, and during normal office hours, the provision of a simple coffin suitable for cremation, appropriate shelter and care of the Deceased, preparation of necessary documentation and a hearse direct to the crematorium.**

- Our Professional fees including use of our Chapel of Rest for visitation or small gathering (single visit by appointment - closed coffin) **£850.00**
- Cremation fees and sundry disbursements **£480.00**
- Medical Certification fees **£152.00**  
*If HM Coroner has completed a medical examination, then the £152.00 certification fees do not apply.*
- Ministers' honorarium (varies) circa **£130.00**

**Typical cost of the Silver Plus option is £1595.00**

### Additional cost choices:

- Removal of Deceased from residential address (incl nursing / care home) within office hours **£100.00**
- Removal of Deceased from residential address (incl nursing / care home) outside office hours **£150.00**
- Local return of ashes in simple transit urn **£25.00**
- Local return of ashes in solid wood ashes casket with nameplate **£65.00**
- Courier service for ashes - UK or worldwide - **ask for details**
- Use of our private chapel of rest for viewing and /or small gathering (open coffin) **£150.00** (This includes enhanced coffin features and embalming where appropriate - single visit by appointment)
- Limousine at the funeral (six mourner seats) **£140.00**

This is not an exhaustive list of cost choice options. Our complete price list is available on request.

Where bariatric or obese factors are present, causing additional or unusual requirements, we respectfully reserve the right to either decline or withdraw our services at any time, and/or make additional charges where these become necessary.

## Simplicita Traditional

**The SIMPLICITA TRADITIONAL arrangement is a Traditional cremation service.**

This includes cremation and visitation, cortege and service at the crematorium.

This arrangement is most suitable for those families who wish the cortege to depart from their own home address. Visitation at our Chapel of Rest is included, where a small gathering or simple service may be held, if desired, prior to the main service at the crematorium chapel.

**Our fees include our professional services, removal of the Deceased from a hospital, hospice, mortuary or residential address within 20 miles, and during normal office hours, the provision of a superior veneered coffin, appropriate shelter and care of the Deceased, preparation of necessary documentation and hearse and one limousine to the crematorium. Bearers as necessary.**

- Our Professional fees including use of our Chapel of Rest for visitation or small gathering (single visit by appointment) **£1200.00**
- Cremation fees and sundry disbursements **£480.00**
- Medical Certification fees **£152.00**  
*If HM Coroner has completed a medical examination, then the £152.00 certification fees do not apply.*
- Ministers' honorarium (varies) circa £130.00

**Typical cost of the Simplicita Traditional option is £1967.00**

Additional cost choices:

- Removal of Deceased outside office hours add **£50.00**
- Local return of ashes in simple transit urn **£25.00**
- Local return of ashes in solid wood ashes casket with nameplate **£65.00**
- Courier service for ashes - UK or worldwide - **ask for details**
- Cremation at Carleton Crematorium in place of Park Crematorium, Lytham **add £100**
- Cremation at Preston Crematorium in place of Park Crematorium, Lytham **add £150**
- Newspaper obituary notice ... **at cost**
- Additional limousine at the funeral (six mourner seats) **£140.00**
- Upgrade of coffin - **ask for details**

This is not an exhaustive list of cost choice options. Our complete price list is available on request.

Where bariatric or obese factors are present, causing additional or unusual requirements, we respectfully reserve the right to either decline or withdraw our services at any time, and/or make additional charges where these become necessary.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Experienced Funeral Directors?**

Our proprietor was first involved with funerals in 1970, and has experienced all aspects of the profession since then. He has arranged and conducted hundreds of funerals during that time.

### **Are you independent or part of a group?**

Very much an Independent concern, though we do call upon the assistance of other carefully chosen and established funeral directors from time to time.

### **Can we come to see our loved one in your Chapel of Rest?**

Yes. Whilst the 'Total Simplicita' direct cremation choice specifically excludes that, the 'Simplicita Silver' arrangement and our other more traditional options allow for visitation.

### **Can I hold any form of service?**

Certainly. With the exception of our 'Total Simplicita' arrangement, you may hold a simple service of your own at our Chapel of Rest. This accommodates a small family gathering. The "softer nature" and greater flexibility allowed by this approach is arguably no less reverent than any other traditional arrangement. It is, very much a matter of personal choice. Larger services may, of course, be held in the main crematorium chapel.

### **Can you provide full funeral facilities?**

We are able to provide every professional facility you would expect from a modern funeral provider, from our facilities for care of the Deceased, through to the transfer of the ashes to any part of the world, if required. We can provide any choice of coffin or casket, embalming if required, repatriation of the Deceased from the UK or further afield. Also available, modern, immaculate hearse and limousines to suit the occasion.

### **How do you manage to charge so little for your services?**

Simply by concentrating on the ever more popular choice of a simple arrangement. By providing exactly what is required to conduct a dignified simple departure, and by not transferring the financial burden of irrelevant vehicle fleets, and large staff and premises to the client via their account.

### **Quotations**

Our charges are proudly transparent, and available on request. Quotations are always given in writing prior to any commitment by you to engage our professional services.

### **Where is the body held prior to the cremation?**

Our private mortuary facilities are situated within the grounds of Park Crematorium, Lytham. Westpark Chapel combines two non-denominational Rest Rooms, together with modern mortuary facilities. Beautifully sited in leafy parkland, with woodpeckers, foxes, and abundant wildlife quite literally on it's doorstep, this is a most fitting last resting place prior to cremation.

### **How soon are the ashes available?**

This will vary depending upon the day of cremation, however it is usual for them to be available within 48 hours following the cremation. Ashes can be strewn in the crematorium grounds, or returned directly to the next of kin. Where local arrangements have been made to return the ashes to the family, we will return them in a dignified ashes container, urn or casket.

### **Can you provide a traditional service?**

Yes. Our 'Simplicita Traditional' arrangement provides a base choice of options, to which any additional choice of coffin upgrade or mode of transportation may be added.

### **How do I make payment?**

As the costs of our various arrangements are fixed, we are able to provide the our invoice prior to the funeral. All charges must be received in full, and in advance of provision of our professional services. Payment may be made in cash, or by cheque, bankers' draft, bank transfer or credit or debit card. We do not charge any transaction fees.

### **Can you accept direct payment by the DWP (Social Fund)?**

We regret that we can only accept instructions where the DWP is being requested to arrange settlement of the account in certain circumstances. This is because the DWP is currently unable to qualify or guarantee payment of funeral accounts, and indeed cannot "breach client confidentiality" by discussing any aspect of an individual claim with us, even with their client's express permission. We are only able to consider making arrangements where a full deposit is available.

### **Are you able to arrange a pre-paid plan for me?**

Sorry, but not for our full range of options. With the exception of our Traditional arrangement, our charges are so finely tuned that we would have to almost double them to accommodate the costs of maintaining a legal pre-paid arrangement, thus cancelling out any financial benefit. This is because pre-payment attracts both tax and legal trust implications for the funeral director. Please contact us for details of our Traditional funeral plan.

### **If I decide to use Simplicita Cremations, who am I dealing with?**

Simplicita Cremations is a trading style of Nick Gandon Funeral Services - a privately owned family firm. We are independent of any group or co-operative, and have no connection with any other funeral service with the specific exception of JW Docking & Son, another trading style of NGFS. The proprietor, Nick Gandon is personally involved with each and every cremation arrangement. Nick devised and first offered the "Simplicita Direct Cremation" arrangement in 1991.



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## Contact Information

**We are available by telephone 24 hours.**

Our cost-saving policy is to visit our clients by appointment, and as such, we do not maintain conventional 9 to 5 reception facilities at our premises.

To contact us, please phone or email us. **We come to You.**

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