

# Choosing a coffin, casket or urn

Helping you every step of the way





## “We’re here to help you with *advice and guidance.*”

This brochure is designed to help you choose a coffin, casket or urn and we are here to help you with your decision. You will see from the descriptions, that some coffins may not be suitable for cremation, because of the material and local regulations at the crematorium. We also offer a limited range of designs suitable for children and we can help and advise you on this.

Some things to consider:

### Including Personal Items

You may want to place personal items in the coffin, for example photographs, letters, cards, medals or flowers. If you have chosen a cremation, some items may have to be removed before the cremation takes place, as some materials cannot be cremated. We will advise you about this.

### Religious and Cultural Requirements

Every coffin has a nameplate. If you want any religious or other symbols on the coffin we have a wide range available, including Asian and non-Christian symbols. We have cords and tassels for traditional Scottish funerals.

### Care of the Ashes

After a cremation you will need to decide the final resting place of the ashes. You can keep the ashes in an urn, scatter them or bury them. You don't need to make a decision straightaway.

If you would like to place the ashes in an urn, we have a range of urns and ashes caskets which are shown in this brochure. We can help and advise you.

### Memorials

Memorials are a way to remember our loved ones and can range from headstones at a grave to a simple flower in a garden of remembrance. Memorials provide comfort for many people, giving them a place to visit to remember the person who has died.

When choosing a memorial it is important that you have time to reflect on your decision and understand the different regulations that may affect your choice. We can help you with your choice of memorial after the funeral.



### How we can help

If you would like some help and advice when choosing a coffin, casket or urn, our staff are always on hand to answer your questions.

## “Helping you *every step of the way.*”

### The Dignity promise

Every Dignity funeral director is rigorously monitored to ensure that their client service, premises and vehicles are of the highest standard. By choosing a Dignity funeral director you can be confident that:

#### We are compassionate and caring:

- We never forget that this is one of the worst times in someone’s life. We always treat people with compassion, respect and care.

#### We are open, honest and straightforward:

- We help our clients by providing clear and straightforward information that enables them to make informed choices. We are transparent about our fees and there are no hidden extras.

#### We spend as much time as the client needs:

- We spend as much time with our clients as they need, whether it’s when they first contact us, during the arrangements for the service, or choosing a memorial or funeral plan.

#### We pay attention to detail:

- We know that for our clients every detail is important. We take care and time to make sure we get every detail right.

#### We keep in contact:

- We keep in regular contact with our clients. They always understand what is happening; who is looking after them and they are confident that we understand their wishes.

### Dignity - The ultimate funeral professionals

Dignity is a British company that has funeral homes in towns and cities across the UK.

We strive to set the highest standards for the funeral profession in terms of client service and care for the deceased.

At Dignity we are funeral people – it’s all we do. Dignity funeral directors have a rich heritage. Our oldest funeral home was established in 1812 and the majority of our businesses have been serving their local community for generations.

Our funeral directors and arrangers come from the cities and towns they serve or families that have been in the funeral profession for generations. This means they understand local traditions and can help our clients every step of the way, from registering the death to explaining all the options so that families can have the service they want for their loved one.

A Dignity funeral director provides a complete service and there are no hidden extras. We are completely transparent about our pricing, providing a price list and written quotation for each client at the time the funeral is arranged, so you know exactly how much the funeral will cost.

By choosing a Dignity funeral director you can be sure that you are choosing the ultimate funeral professionals.



## Dignity and the environment

The majority of Dignity coffins are British made in our manufacturing facility in Hutton Cranswick, East Yorkshire.

In choosing a coffin we are aware that caring for the environment is an important consideration for many of our clients.

Our aim is to provide our clients with excellent quality and service whilst looking to reduce any impact on the environment.

To this end Dignity have gained accreditation with the internationally recognised standard of environmental best practice; ISO14001.

### What does this mean?

At Dignity we aim to continually improve our environmental performance and we are therefore committed to:

- Caring for the environment and prevention of pollution.
- Operating the business to the environmental systems required by ISO14001.
- Abiding by all relevant environmental legislation and applicable requirements.
- Minimising waste, promoting recycling, reducing energy and raw material consumption, and reducing harmful emissions.
- Working with suppliers to promote positive environmental actions.

- Continually improving our environmental performance by setting objectives, actions and targets.
- Communicating our policy within our organisation and to the public.

These aims are accomplished through our Environmental Management System which is regularly audited and reviewed to monitor that it is achieving the aims of our Environmental Policy.

### FSC: Forestry Stewardship Council

The majority of our coffins are FSC certified. This certification ensures that the wooden products used in our coffin manufacturing come from forests that are managed to high standards. These standards include social, environmental and economic issues.

Our FSC system ensures traceability of the wood from the forests through all stages of processing and distribution. We also have systems to monitor the purchase, handling and sales of FSC wooden products.

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## Our Traditional Collection

Our traditional Dignity coffins are British made in our manufacturing facility in Hutton Cranswick, East Yorkshire. In choosing a coffin we are aware that caring for the environment is an important consideration for many of our clients. Our aim is to provide you with excellent quality and service whilst looking to reduce any impact on the environment.



*Wood effect*

Also available as  
The Mendip

### The Exmoor

A walnut effect coffin with polished satin finish, enhanced by silver effect Fleur-de-Lys style handles and cross design screws. Interior fitted with a white taffeta ruched frill with lace edges and pleated at the top. Suitable for burial and cremation.

Also available in teak effect with brass effect handles as The Mendip.



*Real wood veneer*

Also available as  
The Chiltern

### The Cotswold

A classic oak veneer gloss finished coffin with matching mouldings. The superior brass effect furnishings include hinged bar handles and grooved screw covers. The white satin interior suite features a quilted lid lining, mattress and pillow, lace edging and 14" ruched two-way frill. Suitable for burial and cremation.

Also available in dark mahogany veneer with silver finish handles as The Chiltern.



*Real wood veneer*

Also available as  
The Brecon

### The Purbeck

A superior mahogany veneer coffin with raised lid and matching mouldings, finished in a high gloss polish. The white satin interior suite has a two-way ruched puff ruffle frill with lace edging, quilted lid lining, mattress and pillow. Polished silver effect and dark wood furnishings make it suitable for burial and cremation.

Also available in oak veneer with polished brass effect handles as The Brecon.



*Solid wood*

Also available as  
The Glastonbury

### The Malvern

A hand finished, mature grained solid oak coffin with triple step raised lid and distinctive panelled sides. The superior brass coloured cast metal fittings feature angel wing screws and drop bar handles in 'regal' design. The luxurious white satin interior suite has a laced edge lid piece, padded mattress, quilt and pillow. The multi pleated outside frill and padded internal frill are edged with fine Nottingham lace. Also available in Jacobean dark oak with silver coloured cast metal handles as The Glastonbury. Both available in burial and cremation options.

## Our Classic Collection

Alongside our traditional coffin collection we also offer further choice in the classic coffin collection.



*Solid wood*

### The Opal

Made from solid oak with a gloss finish, this coffin has six antiqued bronze effect handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite with lace edging. It may not be suitable for cremation.



*Solid wood*

### The Royale

Made from solid oak with a satin finish, this coffin has six antiqued brass finish handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite with lace edging. It may not be suitable for cremation.



*Solid wood*

### The Last Supper

A solid wood construction with moulded panels depicting 'The Last Supper'. This coffin has cast metal handles a tufted superior satin interior suite with lace edging and is not suitable for cremation.



*Solid wood*

### The Sapphire

A solid hardwood construction with a gloss mahogany finish. This coffin has six antiqued bronze effect handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite with lace edging. It may not be suitable for cremation.

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## Our Casket Collection

Alongside our coffin collections we also offer further choice in the casket collection.



*Solid wood*

### The Heavenly White

A solid poplar construction with a high gloss pure white finish. This casket has wooden swing bar handles and a white crepe interior and may not be suitable for cremation.



*Solid wood*

### The Golden Leaf Oak

A solid oak construction with a shaded topaz satin finish. This casket has wooden swing bar handles and a tan crepe interior and may not be suitable for cremation.



*Solid wood*

### The Michelangelo Poplar

A solid poplar construction with a chestnut coloured high gloss finish and decorative panels depicting 'The Last Supper'. This casket has wooden swing bar handles and a tan crepe interior and may not be suitable for cremation.



*Metal*

### The Twilight Silver

18 gauge steel construction with dual tone ebony and silver finish. This casket has metal swing bar handles and a tufted silver velvet interior and is not suitable for cremation or burial in certain cemeteries.



Our Interiors

Mendip / Exmoor



Chiltern / Cotswold



Brecon / Purbeck



Glastonbury / Malvern



Opal / Royale /  
Last Supper / Sapphire



The Heavenly White



The Golden Leaf Oak



The Michelangelo  
Poplar - Casket

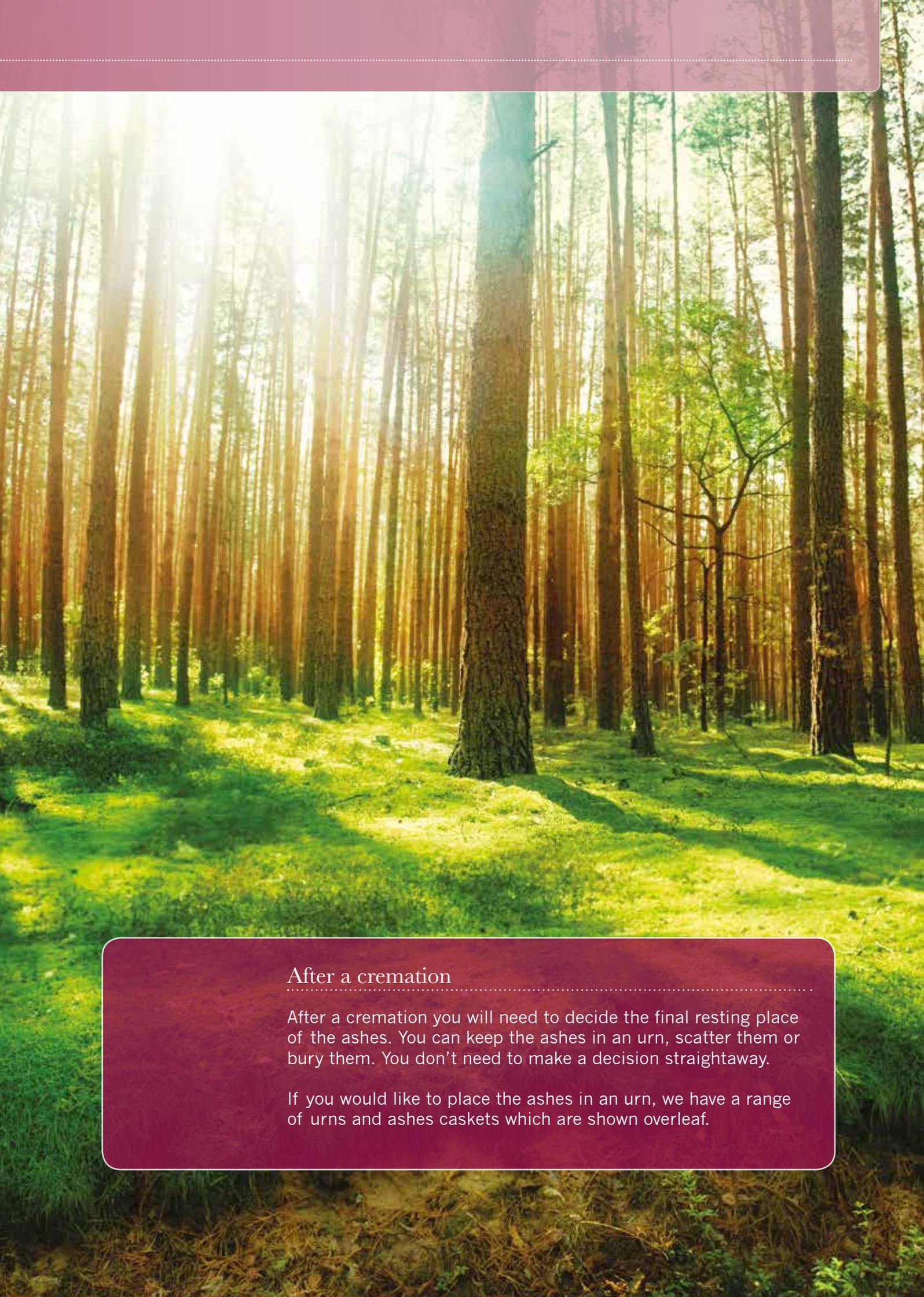


The Twilight Silver



“Every client’s needs are different  
and we give you as much *support, help*  
and *advice* as you need.”





## After a cremation

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If you would like to place the ashes in an urn, we have a range of urns and ashes caskets which are shown overleaf.

“We’re here to help you arrange the funeral you want for *your loved one.*”

Our Urns & Ashes Casket Collection

The Imperial



The Richmond



Mardale



The Riverside



Child's White



Child's Mahogany





The Wessex



The Dorchester



Aluminium Urn



Scatter Tubes







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## Dignity contact information

If you would like to find out more about Dignity or to find your local Dignity branch please visit;  
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