

Horningsham Church Bier



Parish of Horningsham

Parishioners desiring the use of the Bier should make application to Mr. John Hale; who will then attend it.

It is necessary that three bearers should be provided besides the Attendant.

The charge of the Bier and the Attendant who will give his services as a bearer will be 2/6 within the Ecclesiastical Parish.

If the Bier is required by any beyond the Ecclesiastical, but within the Civil Parish, there will be an additional charge of 1/-.

It is expected that those who can afford it will pay 10/- for the use of the Bier, part of which will be set aside to form a fund for its repair.

The use of the Bier cannot be allowed to any beyond the Civil Parish, except by express consent of the Vicar and Churchwardens, and the charge will be £1.

(Signed) Geo. Chinn

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1. The Bier is for the use of the whole Parish.
2. It is kept in the Church under the care of the Verger / Sexton who is responsible for the oiling of the wheels, the care of the straps etc.
3. Two men are appointed by the P.C.C. To be in charge of the Bier on the occasion of a Funeral – to take it from the Church, return it cleaned, and act as Bearers – they are to be paid 6/6 each.
4. Undertakers must be advised by the Sexton of the rule (3) beforehand.
5. The men appointed are Mr. K. Carpenter and Mr. E. Trollope. Should either, or both, be unable to attend – due notice must be given to the Verger / Sexton who will arrange a substitute.

Source: Horningsham St. John's.