

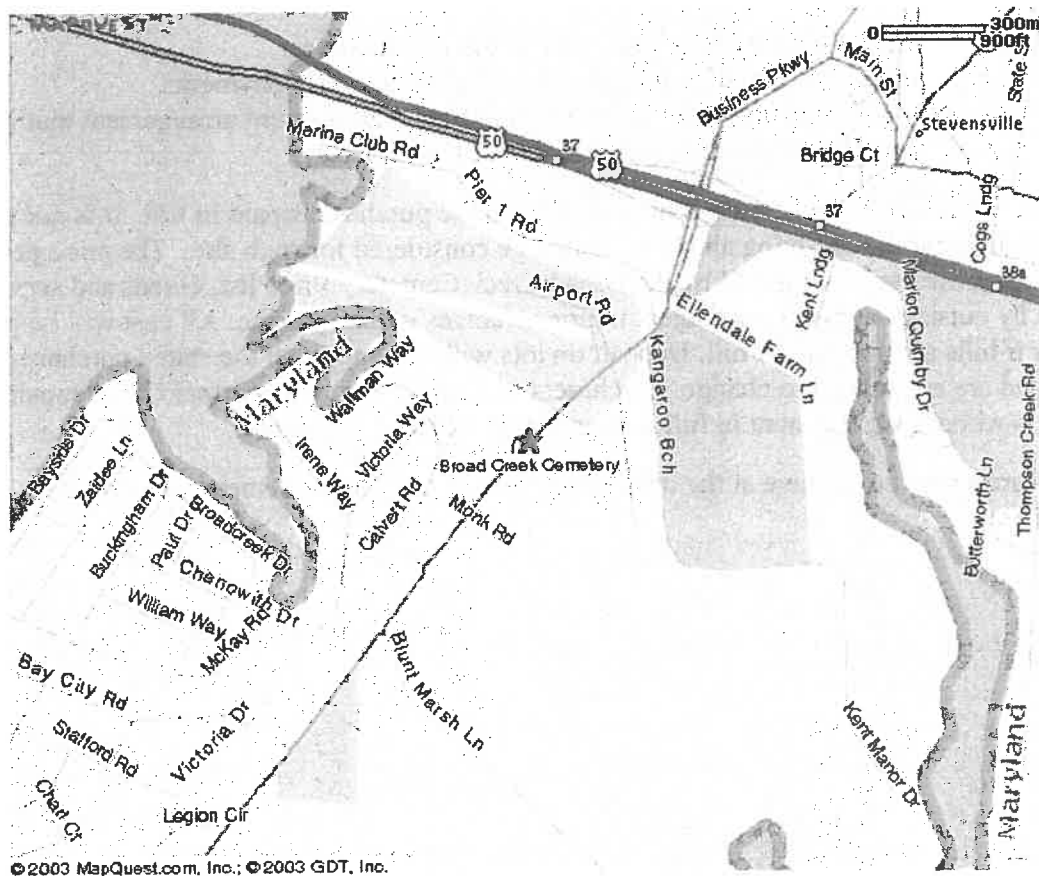
As of 1/1/2024

Christ Church Parish Kent Island Broad Creek Cemetery

I. General Information

History

Christ Church, located in Stevensville, is the home of the oldest continuous Christian congregation in Maryland, established by William Claiborne in 1631. The original church building was framed in 1637 at the Kent Fort settlement at the southern end of Kent Island. Christ Church was established about the time the colony was founded and as early as 1652 the congregation relocated to a new facility at Broad Creek. This area later became the site of a small town, with a wharf, tobacco warehouse, tavern, ferry landing, and a handful of residences. Many parishioners are said to have come to church by boat. The church was rebuilt and/or replaced in 1712, 1748, and 1826. In 1880, a new church was constructed in the nearby town of Stevensville. In 1995, the congregation moved to a larger facility on Route 8 south of the Broad Creek site.



The Broad Creek churchyard also incorporated a cemetery, although the date of its first use is unknown. Many parishioners of Christ Church and several non-members were interred through 1903. The cemetery has been recognized as an historic site by Queen Anne's County and the State

of Maryland. With the approval of the Vestry of Christ Church, Broad Creek was reactivated in 2001. Above is a map of the cemetery and its environs. The Broad Creek Cemetery provides a beautiful setting with great historical significance for the final resting place of loved ones.

General Information

The Broad Creek Cemetery is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated herein and approved by the Vestry of Christ Church. Christ Church Parish Kent Island reserves the right to change or terminate the terms of this policy statement without notice or obligation to any persons. Please contact Christ Church Parish Kent Island for a copy of the current regulations. A copy of the current rules and regulations shall be provided to the purchaser of a burial site at the time of purchase, and the purchaser agrees to abide by these regulations.

The price of a site for contributing members of record of Christ Church Parish Kent Island is published on the Broad Creek Cemetery Price list. Prices include perpetual care. The site(s) may not be assigned to other parties unless communicated by the original owner(s) in writing; however, sites may be sold back to Broad Creek Cemetery for the original purchase price less the funds allocated for the perpetual care fund. The following payment plans for cemetery sites are available:

Plan A – One (1) or more lots, 100% on purchase;

Plan B – \$100.00 down per site and four quarterly payments.

Plan C - \$100.00 down per site and financial payment arrangement that is appropriate for the purchaser and or the cemetery.

The certificate to the site shall be issued when the purchase is paid in full. It is not permitted that double interments, one lying above the other, be considered for each site. The price per opening of a gravesite is published by the Broad Creek Cemetery Price list. Goods and services furnished by outside suppliers are subject to price changes without notice. All cost will be passed to purchaser if bills are not paid in full. Deposit on lots will be honored at the stated purchase price at the time and are not subject to change. Purchasers of sites forfeit the Perpetual Care deposit if purchase is withdrawn. Payment in full is appreciated whenever possible.

All prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee.

Broad Creek Cemetery:

II. Cemetery Rules and Regulations

In the interest of perpetuating a uniform and orderly cemetery, the following regulations have been established by the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee (The Cemetery) and approved by the Christ Church Vestry. The Cemetery and Vestry of Christ Church Parish Kent Island (Christ Church) reserve the right to amend these regulations as deemed warranted at any time; please contact Christ Church for a copy of the current regulations.

The Broad Creek Cemetery is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated herein and approved by the Vestry of Christ Church.

No burial site may be opened or interment held without the advance notice of the Cemetery or the Parish Administrator; a fee will be charged for interment. Sunday interments are not permitted except under extraordinary circumstances.

When cremated remains are to be interred, at least 48 hours notice must be given to the church office; a fee for interment will also be charged. Sunday interments are not permitted except under extraordinary circumstances.

1. The Broad Creek Cemetery (published price list states the current cost of each site) for members of Christ Church. Sites are currently available to non-members for the stated price published. Payment plans are available for burial site purchase. The cost of the site includes perpetual care. All prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Cemetery.
2. The Price per opening of a site or sites is published on the Broad Creek Cemetery Price List. Prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Cemetery.
3. Burials need not be preceded by a funeral or memorial service using Christ Church or its clergy, but any grave site service must have the approval of the Christ Church clergy.
4. Sites measure 40 inches (3 feet, 4 inches) by ten feet.
5. All interments in cemetery sites, either coffin or cremated remains, must be made within a watertight sealed vault in accordance with County requirements, which shall be obtained by the site purchaser through the funeral home.
6. Sites may be sold back to Broad Creek Cemetery for the original purchase amount without regard to the elapsed time, **less the amount of the purchase price that is allocated to the perpetual care of the Broad Creek Cemetery.** If the purchaser assigns sites to another party (ies), the cemetery must be notified of any assignment in writing before it becomes valid. No transfer of the burial privilege will be recognized unless the original purchaser communicates in writing. Burial privileges may be delayed if prior notice has not been given to the Cemetery.
7. One set of four cornerstones, each measuring 6" square, shall be placed to mark the four corners of each site or group of sites. Each cornerstone bears the initial of the family surname. The stones must be placed within six (6) months after full payment for the site(s), and are the financial

responsibility of the purchaser. Cornerstones will be ordered and placed by the Committee and billed to the site owner before placement. They shall be placed so that the top of the stone is at ground level. Prices are stated on the Broad Creek Cemetery price list and are subject to change.

8. Flowers and perishable decorations shall not remain on graves for more than one (1) month, and will be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery (Fresh flowers are preferred).
9. It is not permitted to plant bushes, trees, shrubbery, or other vegetation, or to place landscaping stones, ties, or other landscaping elements. Any unauthorized items placed on sites will be removed. Memorial donations of perennial plants or trees in keeping with the landscape theme may be accepted at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee.
10. Mausoleums, sarcophagi, statues, stepping stones, or chairs are not permitted on sites. No fence or enclosure of any site is permitted. Any unauthorized items placed on the sites will be removed.
11. Under no circumstances may markers, survey pins, or survey pipes placed by the Broad Creek Cemetery be moved or removed. To ensure that site boundaries are not obscured, no ferrous survey markers may be placed by site purchasers.
12. All headstones, footstones, monuments, and markers must be approved in advance by the Assistant Director or Director to ensure compatibility with the regulations of the Broad Creek Cemetery. It is the responsibility of both the purchaser and the vendor to ensure that approval is carried out before the purchase and delivery of the stones or monuments.
13. Placement of headstones, footstones, monuments, and markers must be coordinated in advance with the Assistant Director or Director of the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee (or its assigns), who will mark the location for installation. Placement will be done by the guidance of the Cemetery, and is the financial responsibility of the purchaser. A fee as stated on the Broad Creek Cemetery Price list is assessed by the Cemetery for location and installation, and is subject to change.
14. Headstones, monuments, and markers are to be placed at the top of the site and centered. The upper two feet of each site is set aside for this purpose. All gravesites must face towards the center of the cemetery, facing the old church site, and headstone inscriptions must be placed accordingly. All inscriptions must be facing the grave, towards the center of the cemetery, except that the family surname ONLY may be placed on the opposite side of the stone from the main inscription. Markers of traditional style, such as marble crosses, may be accorded greater latitude in inscription placement, at the discretion of the Cemetery.
15. Headstones, footstones, monuments, and markers shall be of marble or granite. Traditional colors only, such as white, black, gray, or bronze, are to be used. For a given site, matching stone types must be used for headstones and footstones.
16. For a single site, the headstone may measure no more than 24 inches in depth, and 30 inches in width and up to 48 inches (72 inches in specific cases) in height (rule 17 for Height restrictions). For two or more sites, the headstone may measure no more than 24 inches in depth and 30 inches in width, and must include all names buried at the sites. Headstones not fitting in the designated area will not be allowed in the cemetery. Any expense incurred to reduce the size of the headstone will be the responsibility owner or vendor placing the stone.

17. Headstones up to 4 feet in height are allowed and up to 6 feet with traditional design with the discretion of the Broad Creek Cemetery. It is requested to use traditional designs and materials be used.
18. Headstones for multiple sites must be centered within the group of sites. For example, if the stone is for two adjacent sites, it is to be centered on the boundary between the two; if the stone is for three sites, it is to be centered in the middle site.
19. Footstones shall be placed flush with the ground surface, and may measure no more than 12 inches by 24 inches. A fee is assessed by the Cemetery for location and installation of footstones, and is subject to change by the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee
20. Plaques of bronze are permitted if they are securely affixed and flush with the ground.
21. All stone foundations shall be at least 18 inches in depth and be constructed to ensure minimal settling.
22. The Broad Creek Cemetery is reserved exclusively for human interments. No pet or animal interments are permitted.
23. A Memorial Ash Garden for the burial of cremation ashes has been established and a formal Columbarium for the burial of cremation ashes is being considered (see Section III). Applicable fees will be available pending a positive decision.
24. The Cemetery and Christ Church affirm a policy of non-discrimination for the sale and purchase of space in both the Cemetery and the Memorial Ash garden.
25. No person shall acquire any right with respect to any real property of Christ Church Parish Kent Island by virtue of Cemetery site purchase or interment, or the payment of any cost associated with site purchase or interment. Burials made pursuant to this policy statement constitute a disclaimer to any such interest in the property of Christ Church Parish Kent Island.
26. It is hereby provided that the Broad Creek Cemetery, a property of Christ Church Parish Kent Island in the Diocese of Easton, Episcopal Church, USA, is not a public place of interment. It is further provided, however, that the purchase of burial privileges in the Cemetery shall be made available to the public at the discretion of Christ Church Parish Kent Island, and the Church may at its discretion restrict or refuse the sale of burial privileges at any time if it determines such restriction to be in the best interest of the Church.
27. In keeping with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, USA, The Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, under the oversight of the Vestry of Christ Church Parish Kent Island, will control the cemetery and all aspects of its operation, including fee scheduling, regulations, management, and maintenance. Cemetery operations will include maintenance of burial records and provisions for perpetual care in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Maryland.
28. A copy of the current rules and regulations shall be provided to the purchaser of a burial site at the time of purchase, and the purchaser agrees to abide by all regulations.
29. Destruction or vandalism to a Cemetery is a Federal Offense and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000.00 or up to five years in prison. Vandalism, including metal detecting or any excavation, shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

30. Christ Church reserves the right to change or terminate the terms of this policy statement without notice or obligation to any persons. A copy of the current rules and regulations may be obtained from the Parish Administrator or from the Director of the Cemetery.

These Rules and Regulations for Broad Creek Cemetery, Christ Church Parish Kent Island, have been established by the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee and approved by the Vestry of Christ Church, effective July 20, 2015. They take precedence over any and all previously established rules and regulations.

Broad Creek Cemetery:

III. Columbarium Rules and Regulations

The ashes of persons electing cremation may be interred in the Columbarium; interment will be in accordance with the following rules and regulations, established by the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee (Cemetery) and approved by the Christ Church Vestry (Vestry). The Cemetery and Vestry of Christ Church Parish Kent Island (Christ Church) reserve the right to amend these regulations at any time.

Please contact the Cemetery or Christ Church for a copy of the current regulations. Contact names and telephone numbers are provided at the foot of this document. Information on costs associated with interment in the Columbarium is also available from those contacts.

The Columbarium is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated herein and approved by the Vestry.

No Columbarium niche may be opened nor interment be held without receiving the advance approval of Christ Church or the Cemetery. A fee will be charged for interment.

When cremated remains are to be interred at least 72 hours notice is required. Notice must be made to the Christ Church office and the Cemetery Director and/or Assistant Director. Sunday interments are not permitted except under extraordinary circumstances.

Each niche in the Columbarium measures 11x11x11 and will hold two urns of appropriate size.

Ashes shall be buried in containers provided by a Funeral Director and/or Crematorium.

The Cemetery is not liable for urns/containers which do not fit in a niche.

The font to be used for engraving names and dates will be chosen by the Cemetery. No other font is to be used. Any door with unauthorized font will be subject to removal.

Cremation interments need not be preceded by a funeral or memorial service using Christ Church or its clergy; however, any graveside service must have the approval of Christ Church clergy.

It is not permissible to plant bushes, trees, shrubbery, or other vegetation, or to place landscaping stones, ties or other landscaping elements at the base of the Columbarium or on the Columbarium itself. Any unauthorized items placed on the site will be removed. Expenses to repair any damage caused to the Columbarium will be billed to the person damaging the property.

Prepayment is accepted for burial privileges in the Columbarium. Prepayment will be accepted only from the person desiring future interment in the Columbarium. Sites may be sold back to the Cemetery for the original purchase amount, without regard to the amount of time, less the amount of the purchase price that is allocated to the Perpetual Care Fund (\$300 as of 2023). If the purchaser assigns sites to another party (parties), the Cemetery must be notified of any assignment in writing before it becomes valid. Burial privileges may be delayed if prior notice has not been given to the cemetery.

It is hereby specifically provided that the Columbarium of the Broad Creek Cemetery, a property of Christ Church Kent Island in the Diocese of Easton, part of the Episcopal Church, USA, is not a public place of interment. It is further provided, however, that the purchase of burial privileges in the Columbarium shall be made available to the public at the discretion of Christ Church Parish Kent Island, and the Church may at its discretion restrict or refuse the sale of burial privileges at any time if it determines such restriction to be in the best interest of the Church.

The Broad Creek Cemetery Committee and Christ Church Parish Kent Island affirm a policy of non-discrimination for the sale and purchase of space in both the Cemetery and the Columbarium.

No person shall acquire any right in any real property of the Broad Creek Cemetery and/or Christ Church Parish Kent Island by virtue of Columbarium site purchase or interment, or the payment of any cost associated with site purchase or interment. Burials made pursuant to this policy statement constitute a disclaimer to any such interest in the property of Christ Church Parish Kent Island.

In keeping with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, USA, the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, under the oversight of the Vestry of Christ Church Parish Kent Island, will control the Columbarium and all aspects of its operation, including fee scheduling, regulations, management and maintenance. Cemetery operations will include maintenance of burial records and provisions for perpetual care in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Maryland.

A copy of the current rules and regulations shall be provided to the purchaser of a Columbarium niche at the time of purchase, and the purchaser agrees to abide by these regulations.

Christ Church Parish Kent Island reserves the right to change or terminate the terms of

this policy statement without notice or obligation to any persons.

Destruction or vandalism to a Cemetery is a Federal offense and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and up to five years in prison. Vandalism, including metal detecting or any excavation, shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

These Rules and Regulations for the Columbarium of the Broad Creek Cemetery, Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, have been established by the Broad Creek Cemetery and approved by the

Vestry of Christ Church, effective July 20, 2015. They take precedence over any and all previously established rules and regulations.

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IV. Memorial Ash Garden Rules and Regulations

The ashes of persons electing cremation may be interred in the Memorial Ash Garden. Interment will be in accordance with the following rules and regulations established by the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee and approved by the Christ Church vestry. The Cemetery Committee and Vestry of Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, reserves the right to amend these regulations at any time.

The Ash Garden is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated herein and approved by the Vestry.

No burial site may be opened nor may any interment be held without receiving the advance approval of Christ Church Parish and the Broad Creek Cemetery. A fee will be charged for interment.

When cremated remains are to be interred at least 48 hours notice is required. Notice must be made to the Christ Church Office and the Cemetery Director and/or the Assistant Director. Sunday interments are not permitted except under extraordinary circumstances.

1. Information on cost associated with interment is available upon request.
2. The Ash Garden is open to both members of Christ Church, Kent Island and non-members.
3. Interments need not be preceded by a funeral or a memorial service using Christ Church or its clergy, but any grave site services must have the prior approval of the Christ Church clergy.
4. Ashes will be interred without a container.
5. It is not permitted to plant bushes, shrubbery, other vegetation or any other landscaping elements in, on or around the Ash Garden. Unauthorized items will be removed.
6. Location of interment site is at the discretion of Broad Creek Cemetery.

Broad Creek Cemetery:

V. Vendor Information

1. Vendors must contact the Assistant Director or Director of the Broad Creek Cemetery to have a site marked.
2. All ground interments either by coffin or as cremated remains must be made within watertight sealed vaults in accordance with County and State requirements. Vaults must be obtained by the site purchaser through the funeral home.
3. All headstones, footstones, monuments, and markers must be approved in advance by the Assistant Director or Director to ensure compatibility with the regulations of the Broad Creek Cemetery.
4. Placement of headstones, footstones, monuments, and markers must be coordinated beforehand with the Assistant Director or Director of the Broad Creek Cemetery who will mark the location for installation and is the financial responsibility of the purchaser. Stones are to be placed at the top of the site and centered. All grave sites face towards the old church site in the center of the cemetery, and headstone inscriptions must be placed accordingly.
5. Headstones, footstones, monuments, and markers shall be of marble or granite. Traditional colors only such as white, black, or bronze, are to be used. For a given site, matching stone types must be used for headstones and footstones. Headstones are requested to be traditional in design with the exception of those of children.
6. For a single site, the headstone may measure no more than 24 inches in depth by 28 inches in width. For multiple sites, the headstone may measure no more than 24 inches in depth by 60 inches in width. All names of those buried in the family site must appear on the headstone.
7. Headstones may be no more than 48 inches. Headstones of traditional design, such as crosses may be up to 72 inches in total height at the discretion of the Broad Creek Cemetery. Any crosses should be of traditional design manufactured of marble or a stone of similar color and texture.
8. Headstones for multiple sites must be centered within the group of sites. For example, if the stone is for two adjacent sites, it is to be centered on the boundary between the two; if the stone is for three sites, it is to be centered in the middle site. Placement must be coordinated with Assistant Director, the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, or its agents or assigns, who will mark the location for installation.
9. Footstones shall be placed flush with the ground surface, and may measure no more than 12 inches by 24 inches. Placement must be coordinated with the Director, Assistant Director,

the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, or its agents or assigns, which will mark the location for installation.

10. Plaques of bronze are permitted if they are securely affixed and flush with the ground. . Placement must be coordinated with the Director, Assistant Director the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, or its agents or assigns, which will mark the location for installation.
11. All stone foundations shall be at least 18 inches in depth and be constructed to ensure minimal settling. Placement must be coordinated with the Director, Assistant Director the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, or its agents or assigns, which will mark the location for installation.
12. Headstones exceeding the boundaries of designated area will not be allowed in the cemetery. Any cost incurred to remove and/or resize the headstone will be the responsibility of the vendor placing the stone.
13. Mausoleums, sarcophagi, statues, stepping stones, or chairs are not permitted.
14. The Cemetery driveway and rules for use during funerals and interments;

All vehicles in the funeral procession must bear to the left around the circle and proceed as far as possible to the designated position. The Hearse may pull up to the cemetery gate. No driving in the cemetery is permitted. A map of the cemetery has been provided.

Cars will be parked parallel with the cemetery facing out-bound. Approximately 60 cars can be placed parallel to one another on the circle area. All cars parked along entrance will be asked to pull off to the left so procession can leave smoothly.

Volunteers from the Broad Creek Cemetery will typically be available to assist with parking.

It is also requested that the mourners double up in their cars if possible in the funeral procession.

Despite the finite size of the parking area, it is not anticipated that any funeral procession would be limited as to participation. For large turnouts advance discussion should take place with the Director or Assistant Director of the Broad Creek Cemetery to manage any traffic issues there may be.

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Broad Creek Cemetery. Kent Island

Location: 370 Romancoke Rd. (MD Route 8), Stevensville, MD (no mail delivery)

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