

St John the Baptist Parish Church, Crowthorne

Churchyard Regulations

The churchyard is God's acre, and as such everything in it, from memorials to the trees and shrubs, are a matter of care and consideration.

To maintain and enhance the churchyard, the following advice is for all who wish to use it.

NO MEMORIAL SHOULD BE COMMISSIONED AND PLACED IN THE CHURCHYARD WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE VICAR. THIS APPLIES TO NEW AND REPLACEMENT MEMORIALS

Burials

- There is no space available for new burial plots although family members may be buried in existing graves provided there is sufficient depth.
- Detailed guidelines for memorial gravestones are available from the Vicar.

Commemoration after Cremation

- Cremated remains may be interred at the discretion of the incumbent.
- A plot will be allocated by the incumbent.
- The cremated remains must be in a perishable container.
- The allocated plot may be marked by a memorial tablet. The maximum permissible size for this is 15 inches square and must be laid flush with the ground.
- All tablets should be made of natural stone with a non-reflecting finish. Black, blue or red igneous rock (e.g. red granite) and marble, synthetic stone or plastic is not permitted.
- Designs for memorial tablets and vases, including the inscription, must be submitted to the Vicar for approval **BEFORE** installation.
- The following are **NOT ALLOWED**; — photographs, porcelain portraits, kerbs, railings, fencing, chains or chippings.
- No solar lamps, toys or other ornaments are to be left at or near a site of interment.

Flowers

- Only wreaths or cut flowers may be placed at the plot either in a removable container, (**WHICH MUST BE PLACED ON OR BE SUNK INTO THE TABLET**) or laid on the tablet, but they must be removed as soon as they appear to be withered. No individual gardens or plantings are permitted.
- All cellophane and paper wrappings must be removed, this will enhance the longevity of the floral tribute and not litter the churchyard.
- Please respect the plots around yours and try to be considerate of others space when laying floral tributes.
- **NO PLASTIC OR ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ARE ALLOWED** except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths and these should be removed after a period of not more than two months.

Churchyard Maintenance

- Please help our volunteers to keep the churchyard tidy.
- Any rubbish or dead flowers, plants or wreaths should be placed in the wheelie-bin at the back of the church.

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