

# St John the Baptist Parish Church, Crowthorne

## Churchyard Regulations (Jan 2022)

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 CHURCH. 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 Church Office.

### Commemoration after Cremation

- Cremated remains may be interred at the discretion of the incumbent.
- There are no new plots. An existing plot may be used provided there is room.
- 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.
- The text on an existing memorial tablet may be updated with a stone of the same size.
- 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.

**I consent to the above regulations**

Signed ..... Date .....

Name (please print) .....