



Christ Church Eaton

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The Christ Church Garden of Remembrance

Guidelines

1. The burial of cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance will, in the first instance, be allowed to:-
 - a. those who have lived or died in the parishes of Christ Church, Eaton or St Andrew's, Eaton
 - b. those who have a 'real connection' with the parish, e.g. those
 - who have been on the Christ Church or St Andrew's electoral roll, or who have worshipped regularly for six months at Christ Church or St Andrew's, Eaton, or
 - whose relative has been baptised, married or had a funeral in Christ Church or St Andrew's or interred in the Garden of Remembrance, or had their funeral service taken by a member of the Eaton Churches' clergy
2. The Vicar, or if unavailable, the Church Wardens, will have discretion in determining the validity of a 'real connection' in the event of any disagreement, and the PCC will be able to revise the criteria in the future.
3. Each allocated burial plot will be limited in size to 12 inches by 12 inches (30.5cm x 30.5cm), and a memorial stone placed over the plot.
4. **Each memorial stone will be limited to a width of 12 inches by 9 inches high (30.5cm x 22.86cm).** The memorial stone should be grey in colour, honed and not shiny, and contain only the name of the deceased and the years of their birth and death. The inscription should be in 'Times' font and infilled in black, not gold or silver.
5. Where it is intended to inter later the cremated remains of a spouse or partner, sufficient space should be left on the memorial stone for this name to be added, or, if preferred, a newly engraved replacement memorial stone may be provided later by the next of kin.

6. Reservations of plots are not possible.
7. The caskets in which the cremated remains are to be buried should be bio-degradable, and should not exceed the size of the allocated burial space. 'Bio-degradable' means that the casket should be made of a material such as cardboard or cornstarch that will degrade within 2-3 years and not be wood or plastic.
8. There should be a gap between memorial stones of not more than nine inches (22.5cm) and not less than 5 inches.
9. There will be a Book of Remembrance kept on the altar of the north aisle of the church in which will be recorded the names and details of all whose cremated remains are buried in the Garden of Remembrance.
10. To keep the gardens tidy, no flowers or other items are permitted on individual plots, but a suitable space for flowers is provided in the north aisle of the church on the altar and adjoining shelf for the use of relatives, and flowers in church may be provided by agreement with those organising church flowers.
11. The normal statutory fees are charged for the burial of cremated remains and memorial stones.
12. Donations are invited for the maintenance of the garden and book of remembrance, and will be paid into a designated Garden of Remembrance Maintenance Fund.
13. Relatives may also wish to make specific donations towards enhancing the Garden of Remembrance, for example, by the provision of a seat or suitable plants. Please note that some additions require specific permissions and faculties. All such donations accepted will be acknowledged and recorded.
14. A copy of these guidelines is available from the Parishes Office to all those who may wish for their relatives' cremated remains to be buried in the Garden.
15. The Parishes Office will be responsible for the administration of the records and fees associated with the Garden.

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