The ENGLISH CHURCHYARD
SELECTION

Classical elegance and modern craftsmanship combine to create a personal memorial of lasting beauty.

‘Choice of a gravestone demands sensitivity in judging the right stone and design for a particular churchyard’.

‘Epitaphs are an ancient literary form. The best are both moving and delightful. The objects of a modern epitaph will usually be none of all the following: to identify the sleeping place of the mortal remains of a dead person; to honour the dead; to comfort the living, or inform posterity.’

‘Foreign stones of appropriate colour and texture for the context in which they materials will be placed, may therefore provide a suitable alternative. But it is reasonable to expect that the stone used for memorials should be of a similar shade and texture to those of the church.’

‘Above all, the commissioning of a tombstone must be something personal.’

‘It is important that the stones recommended for memorials in churchyards should harmonise with their surroundings and be of durable quality.’

‘I warmly commend the English Churchyard Selection as a positive response to the recommendations of the Churchyards Handbook.’

Peter Burman, Secretary to the Council for the Care of Churches

The quotations shown above are taken from the Churchyards Handbook 1988 edition.
We show here just eight examples of the many combinations you have available to select from to make a memorial of your own choice.

The line drawings above each memorial illustrate the eight shapes (and their names) from which you can choose.

Each memorial also demonstrates some of the other features available. These include different edge and margin details and a range of different bases.

Eight standard carvings are shown but our carvers will be pleased to sculpt a design of your own choosing.

See the top of the opposite page for "How to order".

**Bases**

Your memorial can be fixed straight into the ground or fixed to a base which is an added feature and into which may be fitted a flower container. The Churchyards Handbook states: "A headstone may stand on a stone base, provided that it is an integral part of the design and does not project more than 102mm (4") beyond the headstone in any direction, except where a receptacle for flowers is provided, in which case this should be flush with the top of the base and may extend up to 200mm (8") in front of the headstone."

Remember, all memorials are 3" overall in height from top of headstone to ground level whether they have a base or are fixed directly into the ground. The thickness of the memorials will be 3". All sizes are given as a guide.

There is no visible base to a headstone which fixes directly into the ground.

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How to order
The eight examples shown on these pages are only a sample of the beautiful variations you can achieve. You can make your memorial individual and special.

Here's how you order:
1. The type of stone
2. The headstone shape
3. The edge finish
4. The margin (if required)
5. The carving
6. The base, its shape and edge finish

Remember, all memorials are 36" high from ground level to the top of the headstone, whether they are on a base or straight into the ground. The headstones are 22" wide (because these two measurements will give you pleasing proportions). The thickness of the memorials will be 3".

Larger, (up to 40" overall height), or smaller, (but no less than 26" high), memorials can be made, providing they are within the sizes recommended by the Churchyards Handbook.

Round top with offset round shoulder
Ogee
Trefoil Round
Centre round with ogee shoulders

Portland
Senna
Nabresina
York stone

Edges
There are four edge finishes. All are traditional, starting with the rubbed smooth edge, to the delicacy of the rustic punched (with or without the drafted edge) and finally to the rough hewn pitched edge.

Margins
All margins are stopped (as shown on the examples above) and add that final finish to your headstone.
We have indicated which edges will be enhanced by the various margins shown.

Type of stone
The five stones used in 'The English Churchyard Selection' are York stone, Nabresina, Senna, Celtic and Portland. They are identified below each memorial and are further described overleaf.

Additional stones may also be available.

Rubbed
Rustic Punched
Rustic Punched with drafted edges
Pitched
"V" cut line
Will suit all edge finishes
Chamfered
Will suit a rubbed edge only
Rustic punched with drafted edges
Rebated
Will suit rubbed, rustic punched and pitched edges
Moulded
Will suit a rubbed edge only
Until "The English Churchyard Selection" was made easily available, it was hard to find a range of memorials which were attractive to customers and readily acceptable to the Church.

Now "The English Churchyard Selection" gives you an almost endless variety of memorials from which to choose. You can design a memorial personal to you, knowing that its classical shape and crafted finishes will generally meet with approval.

The Churchyards Handbook states that headstones should be no larger than 1200mm (4ft) high, measured from the surface of the ground, 900mm (3ft) wide and 150mm (6") thick. They should be no less than 750mm (2ft 6") high, 500mm (1ft 8") wide and no less than 75mm (3") thick, except in the case of Slate memorials which may be thinner but no less than 38mm (11½") thick.

Although "The Selection" is extensive, we would be pleased to supply a memorial to any other design. Additional stones may also be available such as Purbeck, slate (both green and black) and many other local stones.

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