

**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

**SUGGESTED RULES FOR CONSIDERATION BY PCCs**

(For further guidance see Chapter 3 of The Churchyards Handbook, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)

**DESIGNATED AREA FOR INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS**

(sometimes called MEMORIAL GARDEN or GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE)

Rules governing the interment of cremated remains

.....Churchyard.

1. Applications for the interment of ashes must be made to the Incumbent, who will decide the place of interment.
2. Ashes are to be interred directly into the earth.
3. The names of those whose ashes are interred, together with a record of where the ashes are interred (if appropriate), will be recorded in a register to be kept in the church safe.
4. A memorial book will be kept in the church, in which entries may be made, subject to the approval of the Incumbent, by a calligrapher approved by the Incumbent.
5. No stone or other memorials or vases may be put in the designated area.
6. Cut flowers may be put in the church, by arrangement with the Incumbent, or in a designated area. When withered, such cut flowers may be removed by the person responsible for the upkeep of the church and churchyard.
7. No artificial flowers (except Remembrance Day poppies) may be placed in the church or churchyard.
8. The fees for the interment of ashes are contained in the current Fees Order. Those for inscriptions in the memorial book shall be fixed by the PCC.

These Rules were adopted by the Parochial Church Council at the meeting held

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