

All Saints' Church, Clifton Churchyard Regulations



All Saints' Clifton churchyard is part of our Christian heritage to provide for the reverent burial of those of who die in the parish. Ownership of all grave spaces remains vested in the parish priest; responsibility for management of the churchyard rests with the parish priest and the Parochial Church Council within the regulations of the Diocese of St Albans published in 2004. A full copy of the regulations is available from the parish priest or from the Diocesan website and funeral directors can provide guidance on dimensions for memorials.

A brief guide to the churchyard regulations for burials:

- No tombstone or other monument may be introduced, renewed, removed or altered without first obtaining permission
- Headstones and crosses must be within the dimensions allowed
- Monuments and memorials shall be of natural stone or oak and non-reflective and should not include any advertisement or trademark
- Grave spaces must be level and grassed by about a year after the interment
- Flower vases may be incorporated into the headstone but separate flower vases elsewhere in the grave space are not permitted.
- Fresh flowers are permitted within vases and bulbs may be planted in the grave space
- Other articles are not permitted; these include but are not limited to: artificial flowers, perennials, shrubs or photographs
- Articles not permitted within the regulations or dead flowers will be removed during regular maintenance of the churchyard

Regulations for Garden of Remembrance for burial of cremated remains:

- Ashes after cremation must not be scattered or strewn but shall be buried, loose directly into the burial plot allocated (no caskets)
- Memorial plaques will be mounted on the wall within the dimensions allowed and to include a simple inscription with the person's name, relevant dates, and the grid reference to the burial plot
- Floral tributes may be left near the wall but should not be placed on the grass
- Floral tributes and wrappers should be disposed of in the bins provided or taken home