

St John's Memorial Garden



Introduction

On Sunday 26th March 2017, Bishop Christopher blessed the new Memorial Garden, following approval from the Diocese in November 2016.

Purpose

The memorial garden is for the burial of ashes following cremation. It provides a calm, restful and tranquil corner which is intended to be aesthetically pleasing in its simplicity, and will enable those



remembering loved ones to dwell, reflect and pray.

Who can be Buried in the Garden?

The garden is open to all to apply for space. Confirmation is subject to approval by the Vicar. You can apply for the burial of a loved one following death, or apply to reserve a place for future use by you and your partner. Specific individual plots are allocated by the PCC in order, and cannot be reserved.

How will it Work?

Burials will be made in the three lawns starting with the lawn closest to the vestry. 300mm square plots will be allocated in order of burial by the Parochial Church Council (the governing body of the church).

In each plot, a 200mm diameter hole dug to a depth of 500 mms will provide for one or two burials, should couples wish to be buried in the same plot, in which case a ceramic tile will be used to top the first burial.

Following burial and backfill, the turf will be returned to the plot. There will be no external marking of the plot, to maintain the aesthetics of the garden.

A book of remembrance is kept in the church in a locked display case. A simple inscription (name, address, date of birth, date of death, and memorial garden plot number) will be made in the book for each burial.

At the time of interment remains can either be poured into the burial space, or placed in a cardboard casket (Diameter 155mm height 260mm). Suitable caskets are available from John Taylor (01926 854261) or other Undertakers.

All plots may be re-used after 25 years, without consultation or notification.

Flowers and other Memorials

To maintain the aesthetic of the garden, individual plots will not be marked, and memorials will not be allowed on them.

However, there will be a communal place in the garden which will enable flowers to be displayed. Artificial flowers or other objects will not be allowed.

Remembrance day poppies and Christmas wreaths will be welcomed in the communal flower area at the appropriate times of year.

All flowers, wreaths and poppies will be removed after no more than 2 months or when they have withered, in the opinion of the maintenance team.

Families may also choose to seek permission to display flowers in the church to mark anniversaries, via the church administrator.

Want to Know More?

The policy and procedures have been developed using guidance from the Diocese of Coventry:

<http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/ChurchBuildings/Memorials>

For more details and application for space in the garden, please contact the church administrator (01926 859705 or admin@stjohn316.co.uk)

In Conclusion

We hope that our memorial garden will provide a space for mourning, remembering, reflecting and praying. Its simplicity is in keeping with the design of the church and is intended to focus attention on departed loved ones and their maker.

The Church Wardens
St John's Church Kenilworth
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