

CHURCHYARD RULES & REGULATIONS

for PLACING FLOWERS ON GRAVES

& CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD

The Beacon Parishes Mission Community churchyards are governed strictly by statute and Diocesan regulations:

Placing Cut Flowers on Graves

Cut flowers may be placed into approved flower receptacles that have been integrated into the design of formally approved headstones, vases or tablets over ashes.

Where there is no such integrated flower receptacle within the monument: Cut flowers may be placed in a removable container which must be sunk completely into the ground.

Flowers should be removed once they have withered.

Artificial Flowers

No artificial flowers are allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths which must be removed after a period of not more than two months after the event.

Other Items on or around Graves

Wreaths/flower displays from the day of burial must be removed after a period of not more than two months after the event.

Bulbs may be planted in the soil of any grave, adjacent to the headstone but please note that these may be at risk from mowing. For details on the frequency of mowing in the churchyard, please speak to the Churchwardens.

Photographs, portraits, kerbs, railings, chains and chippings are not permitted. Containers, jars and pots for flowers (not sunk completely below turf level) are not permitted. Plastic/cellophane is not allowed. Shrubs and trees are not permitted. Scattering of ashes (cremated remains) is not allowed.

Please remember that the churchyard is consecrated (holy) ground and it is easy to offend others whose relatives have been laid to rest here. In some cases, graves are not marked.

Any vases, flowers, wreaths or other items not complying with the rules will be removed.

Maintenance and Safe Condition of Graves

Responsibility for the safe installation of the Monument rests with the monumental mason. The person who purchases the memorial and, after that person's death, the heirs of the deceased have an ongoing liability for its maintenance in a safe condition.

Please use the correct bins for different types of waste (general/recycling/garden).

Dogs

You may not exercise dogs in the churchyard. Dogs may be walked along the footpaths on short leads. Dog mess must be cleared up.