

ACT EIGHTEEN

Of Burials, Interments, Walls of Remembrance and Gardens of Remembrance

Burials and Interments:

General

- 1 (a) There must be compliance with all applicable local and state laws.
- (b) According to Christian (Anglican) practice ashes shall be interred in the ground, at a depth of at least 0,5 metres, or buried at sea.
- (c) No burials or interments, including cremated remains, shall take place inside a church.
- (d) No burial ground, Walls of Remembrance or Gardens of Remembrance may be established on Church Property without the consent of the Bishop.

Furthermore memorial plaques may not be placed in the interior of a church without the Bishop's faculty.
- (e) Burials on Church Property and interment of ashes in the gardens of Remembrance shall usually be restricted to members or past-members of the Pastoral Charge concerned. The Rector and Parish Council may, in their discretion and in special cases, relax this rule.
- (f) The Rector and Churchwardens shall ensure a record is kept of all burials/interments in Church Property and in Walls of Remembrance and Gardens of Remembrance, as well as a plan depicting the plot, and the names of those buried/interred. These records are in addition to the burial register kept by the Rector.
- (g) As ownership of all Church Property vests in the Diocese the payment of any fees for a burial or interment shall not convey ownership of a plot or niche.
- (h) Any controversial or uncertain matter must be referred to the Bishop.
- (i) No move or relocation of a burial ground, Walls of Remembrance or Gardens of Remembrance may take place without the prior approval of the Bishop.

Burial Grounds

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- (a) Where a church has a burial ground attached, the Rector and Churchwardens shall prepare a layout plan of the burial ground reflecting the siting of the Church, all paths and numbered grave sites. A copy is to be sent to the diocesan Secretary for Diocesan property records. The original to be kept in a safe place in the Parish.
 - (b) The plan, together with a list of the ground charges, shall be kept in a safe place. Burial/interment charges are to be reviewed annually by the Parish Council.
 - (c) A burial register must be kept, and each entry shall record the number of the gravesite/interment niche.
 - (d) No burial/interment shall take place within 10 (ten) metres of the outer limits of any building.
 - (e) The Rector and Churchwardens may permit the burial of ashes in existing grave sites.

Walls of Remembrance and Gardens of Remembrance

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- (a) Each Wall of Remembrance and Garden of Remembrance shall be under the control of and administered by the Rector and Churchwardens of the Pastoral Charge.
 - (b) All applications for the burial of ashes must be made to the Rector. The Rector shall consult with the Parish Council in any unusual circumstances.
 - (c) The Rector and Parish Council shall determine from time to time the fees to be charged for the burial or interment of ashes in Gardens of Remembrance. These fees are to be reviewed annually by the Parish Council.
 - (d) Plots and plaques shall be uniform in size and as far as possible uniform in material. Only one plaque may be placed on each plot and the wording thereon shall be approved by the Rector and Churchwardens
 - (e) No plot or wall shall be within 10 (TEN) metres of the outer limit of any building.
 - (f) The Rector and Churchwardens shall ensure that all Gardens of Remembrance are kept in a tidy condition but shall not be responsible for the provision or maintenance of plaques.
 - (g) With the consent of the Rector and Parish Council ashes may be buried elsewhere in a Church Property (other than Gardens of Remembrance) provided no casket or container shall be used.

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(h) Gardens of Remembrance shall be sited on level/levelled ground.

Conclusion

4 Any matter not provided for in this Act shall be determined by the Rector and Parish Council in consultation with the Diocesan Board of Trustees.