

Garden of Remembrance

St John the Evangelist, Churchdown and Innsworth

<p>St. John's is delighted to be able to continue to provide a place of beauty and serenity for the cremated remains of loved ones. Although space continues to be carefully monitored, we are confident that we can continue the current practice of interment for residents of the parish and people closely associated with the church.</p> <p>There is no need to rush into making a decision about time and place of the interment. Your Funeral Director will be happy to keep the ashes safe until you feel ready to decide. Before choosing St. John's, you may like to consider with the Vicar or Undertaker other options for interment e.g. Chosen Hill Cemetery, or a special place sacred to your loved one.</p> <p>If you decide you would like to use St. John's, then before permission can be granted the following conditions need to be understood. These are in place in order to safeguard the space and beauty of the Garden.</p>	<p>So, to avoid embarrassment and misunderstanding, we have put together some 'Rules of the Garden' for your guidance, which we would ask you, please, to observe.</p> <p><i>* Ashes will be interred directly into the ground, i.e. without a casket.</i></p> <p><i>* Plaques of memorial are of the kind visible on the wall and kerbs. These are ordered through the church at cost price.</i></p> <p><i>* No stone memorial vases or statues are permitted. You will have noticed that some are already in place. Experience now shows that they take up too much space and thus encroach on the space of another.</i></p> <p><i>* The vases that are allowed are of the funnel type and are placed directly into the ground. These are supplied by us.</i></p> <p><i>* Please remove dead flowers.</i></p>	<p>* Good quality silk flowers (please, no plastic) may be used, provided you understand that they will be removed when they become faded by the weather.</p> <p>* Please do not plant anything directly into the ground.</p> <p>When the plaque you have ordered is ready, and before it is affixed to the wall, we will invite you to a Sunday Evening service at which your plaque will be dedicated, and prayers will be said for your loved one, whose name will then be entered into our Book of Remembrance.</p> <p>A memorial service for all our departed loved ones will be held at All Souls' time in November, to which you will be invited.</p>	<p>The church will be open each day approx. 9.00am - 5.30pm if you would like a time of quiet reflection. There is a candle stand in church where you may light a candle in prayer (no charge). This is placed by the Book of Remembrance found at the front of the church.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this at what is a difficult and busy time for you.</p> <p>I would like to assure you of the love and support of the church in the months ahead and I look forward to seeing you in church whenever you feel like coming.</p> <p>Vicar: Revd Jacqui Hyde The Vicarage St John's Avenue Churchdown GL3 2DA</p> <p>Tel: 01452 713421</p> <p>Parish Office: 01452 855553</p>
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