



## CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

adopted at an Ecclesiastical Assembly on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2000

*The purpose of these regulations is to maintain  
a good and well-ordered place of remembrance*

### 1) MEMORIALS

- a. Prior permission for the placing of a memorial should be obtained from the Rector and Churchwardens. Application is normally made through the monumental masons but can be made direct
- b. Memorials should be simple in character and preferably constructed of local stone
- c. Memorial stones are not to exceed 2ft 6 inches (76 cm) in height and 2 feet (61cm) in width. A base incorporating a vase is permitted
- d. Memorial stones marking the burial of ashes must not to exceed 2 feet in height (61 cm) and 1 ft 6 inches (46 cm) in width
- e. Memorial stones must be placed on adequate and secure foundations
  - i. kerb stones are only permitted in the old sections of the Churchyard. The New Churchyard is intended to be a 'lawn cemetery' and kept free from obstruction so that it can be mowed and strimmed easily. No separate or partially buried vases or glass containers are permitted for safety reasons. Any flower containers must be placed on the stone at the base of the memorial
  - ii. flat stones laid flush with the grass are permitted in the old section of the Churchyard
- f. Wooden crosses of approved design and not exceeding 3 ft 6 inches (107cm) in height are permitted

### 2) DECORATIONS

- a. wreaths and cut flowers may be placed on graves but not artificial flowers, or flowers permanently preserved in spirit
- b. solid stone flower containers may be placed on the base of the headstone, but not on the grass in front of the headstone as it makes mowing time-consuming and difficult
- c. glass vases are not permitted as they can shatter during mowing and strimming and create a risk of serious injury

*The Sextons have been instructed to remove all glass items and place them in the raised bank next to the tap in the parking area for three months, after which any remaining will be recycled.*