

## All Saints Churchyard, Little Bookham



Thank you for choosing All Saints Churchyard as the final resting place for your loved one. For centuries, people have found

peace and solace in this beautiful place and we hope that you will benefit as well.

The grass in the churchyard is cut regularly by a team of contract gardeners which is funded by the congregation at All Saints' Church. The rest of the maintenance is carried out by volunteers, who have a 'Churchyard Work Party' 3 or 4 times a year attending to all the hedges and areas around the graves.

They also ensure that those graves that are never visited are kept in order. Without the help of these people the churchyard would rapidly become overgrown so I am sure that you will appreciate the work of these volunteers. In order to keep costs down, after tending to a grave, **please take away all your garden rubbish.**

**If, at any time, you would like to donate towards the upkeep of the churchyard, please contact the Parish Office on 01372 451697. Your support would be most appreciated.**

**In order to maintain the rural tranquillity and beauty of this place, Guildford Diocese has put in place particular regulations, which we hope you will be able to understand and adhere to. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any further clarification.**

- Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in the soil of a grave being within the area previously excavated. That excavated area is 7 feet by 2ft 6 inches in front of the grave stone.
- **Please note that shrubs and bushes are not permitted.**
- Between each grave we aim to maintain a 'walkway'. Please ensure that these areas are not encroached upon by plants.
- In the case of internment of ashes, one sunken flower container is allowed in front of the memorial stone or, preferably, as part of the memorial stone plinth.
- Plants or flowers may be placed in a removable sunken container, but unless they are kept tidy, the PCC may treat the grave as part of the turf and mow over it.
- Wreaths or cut flowers may be laid directly on any grave or placed in a removable sunken container. If a container ceases to be used for a period of twelve months or more, the PCC may insert a matching stone stopper in the vase hole.
- Artificial flowers of good quality may be placed on a grave.
- Both natural and artificial flowers will deteriorate after periods of time. The PCC may remove flowers and wreaths of whatever kind at their discretion if they judge them to be unsightly and all artificial flowers after two months.
- **When a coffin or ashes are first laid to rest, a wooden cross will mark the spot. Once a memorial stone is in place, the wooden cross must be removed.**

**NB. Ornaments, toys, stones, tiles, artificial grass, chippings and other additions are not permitted.**

**Please be aware that you will need written permission for a memorial and gravestone design to be permitted and for the stone to be placed in the graveyard.**

**We hope that by encouraging everyone to abide by the Diocesan Regulations that the churchyard will continue to be a place of natural beauty.**

**Please sign below that you have understood and intend to keep within the regulatory guidelines. This form should be returned to Rev. Mandy MacVean, The Rectory, 4, Leewood Way, Effingham KT24 5JN. Thank you.**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Name of deceased:

**I have read the regulations and understand them. I intend to keep within the guidelines in order to help maintain the beauty of All Saints Churchyard.**

Signed:

Date: