

MEMORIAL HEADSTONES

A gentle reminder – in summary - before you place a memorial headstone on a grave, you must have permission from the incumbent Rector.

The best way to order a headstone (that meets the criteria set out by Blackburn Diocese and all the requirements of the Brindle churchyard policy) is to contact a local stone mason who will handle the details for you and liaise with the church wardens on your behalf.

Inscriptions must be consistent with Christian beliefs, must read well and be appropriate now and in the future. These and any subsequent inscriptions must be approved by the Rector.

FEES

A standard fee is set annually by the Church of England Commissioners. The fee is payable when a memorial is introduced into the graveyard or when an additional inscription is made to an existing stone. The Rector can signpost you to the latest information for you to obtain all the current fees.

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Brindle St. James Graveyards Information



INTRODUCTION

Brindle St. James Churchyards are places of history where generations of parishioners have laid their loved ones to rest. There are rules and regulations that govern the Church of England graveyards. These are set by the Diocese of Blackburn and not by Brindle St. James' church, but we have an obligation to follow and uphold them.

BURIALS, GRAVES, INTERMENT OF ASHES

Within each graveyard, the burial plots and the memorial garden plots are owned by Brindle St. James Church with the Rector acting on its behalf.

Memorial headstones are maintained by the relatives of the ones laid to rest within a burial plot. A few months after a burial it is normal for the soil level to settle. The grave will, in due course, be levelled by the church and allowed to grass over. The church will take responsibility for keeping the grass mown and tidy.

Loved ones can arrange to inter the ashes of family members. Ashes must be in an approved casket.

FLOWERS

It is a delight when family graves are tended, but please see the information on the inside of this leaflet about materials allowed - particularly flowers. We understand that families may make funeral day arrangements for artificial flowers and/or fresh flowers arranged in floral foam. As artificial flowers and fresh flower floral foam (oasis foam) are damaging to rural environments, you must arrange for them to be carefully removed from the churchyard by your funeral directors or other appointed representative.

Information about Brindle Churchyards

It is our intention to make the Churchyard a **beautiful, natural and safe environment**. We can only do that with your help, which is why we ask that you do not place certain items on the grave.

Below are some items which are **not** allowed. The wires in plastic flowers (and other artificial items) can damage the maintenance equipment.



SPIKED VASE



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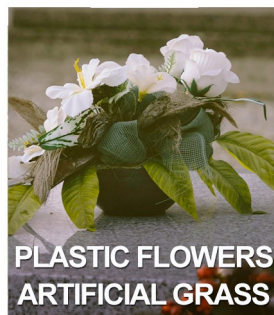
GLASS



**CERAMIC
ORNAMENTS**



**CHIPPINGS/
KERBS**



**PLASTIC FLOWERS
ARTIFICIAL GRASS**



Graves are left to grass. **No** plants and shrubs within the grave scape allow for grass cutting and churchyard safety. It is important that nothing is put on the grass that can make it difficult to maintain the Churchyard effectively.

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Unauthorised items will be removed and appropriately disposed of. To avoid any distress please do not place items on a grave which are not allowed.