

year's mind (anniversary of the death or funeral). However, the Parish Priest will ask the family to remove items which may be inappropriate, cause distress to other churchyard visitors, or be stolen, or which could be a danger (e.g. glass jars).

Any items which are not in accordance with the Christian faith may only be placed with the express permission of the Parish Priest.

The PCC has responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard and will take reasonable steps to notify families before removing items. Where loose items are left on an unattended grave, the PCC may arrange for them to be placed in a suitable container for collection by the family.

The responsibility of the family

The family is only responsible for the maintenance of the memorial stone – the ground around the stone and the plot are the responsibility of the PCC with ground services being arranged through them. Trimming grass edges around the memorial stone is considered as part of its maintenance as is the regular removal of dead flowers etc..

On burial of ashes plots the use of fresh cut flowers is encouraged in integral vase units, as is the setting of spring bulbs in the grass immediately around the memorial stone. Christmas wreaths are permitted but these should be removed from the plot by 9th February each year.

Please note: Free-standing plastic, metal and glass containers are not permitted as they are safety hazards.

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Guide for the Burial of Ashes



An area has been set aside in our Churchyard exclusively for the burial of ashes with permission.

Memorial plaques and approved monuments must comply with the provisions in the Churchyard Regulation 2020 (including any updates). Except by the authority of a faculty no other monument or any vase can be introduced into such an area.

The “Faculty referred to in this document is “the permission under which the Garden of Remembrance was established”

Please note: Ashes after cremation must not be scattered or strewn but shall be buried in a suitable perishable or biodegradable container or poured into the ground and covered.

Further information is available using the link details below

<https://resource.stalbansdiocese.org/courses-events-and-resources/the-churchyard-regulations/>

The process for burial of ashes

Initial contact is through the Parish priest who will advise if criteria for burial in All Saints Renhold Churchyard has been met. *Space is limited, and local criteria ensures the area is protected for the Parishioners and those with a qualifying connection.*

Contact should be made with a funeral director who will liaise with the Parish to identify the plot and availability; and coordinate the process.

The certificate of Cremation is essential, and the burial of ashes cannot take place without this being received by the officiating minister.

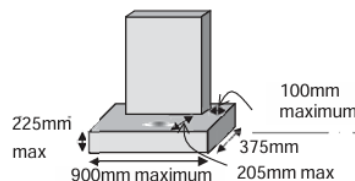
A service for the burial of ashes will be held at the arranged time. Please note that under this faculty “Double -depth plots” are permitted.

The plot should be left to settle for a period exceeding 3 months after the service, after which the family may consult a certified mason who will help them complete the faculty application for installation of a memorial stone; to be approved by the Parish Priest or Rural Dean on behalf of the Parish

Memorial Stones

At All Saints Church Renhold, memorial stones are permitted by the faculty, being of 24” or 600mm in height, these may be introduced with the permission of the Parish Priest.

Vase base:



The stone incorporating a vase is permitted if desired by the family: it should be of a material permitted for memorial stones under the Regulations and should be of the same size, colour and material as other memorial stones in the same Garden of Remembrance and should respect the character of the same Garden of Remembrance as a whole. The memorial should be natural stone and not be covered with Perspex or other protective material

The methods of commemoration of the names of those whose ashes are buried in a Garden of Remembrance vary according to the details permitted by the faculty and should be approved by the Parish Priest before the stone is produced. The names of those whose ashes are buried at All Saints are recorded in the Book of Remembrance in the church and open to view at the “years mind” or anniversary of the death.

Temporary items: The regulations state that:

“No memorial shall include any sun dials or bird baths, obelisks, photographs, portraits or other similar mementoes or decoration such as solar or other lights. No loose items are to be left in the area of a grave/ashes plot. Items of value should not be left as these may be vulnerable to theft.”

All Saints Renhold agree that in the days immediately following a burial, the family and friends mourning the loss of a loved one may wish to place items on a grave to commemorate their loved one and as tokens of their love. At the discretion of the Parish Priest, such items may be left in place for a reasonable period not exceeding 6 months. Sensitivity will be applied at the