

ALL SAINTS NEWTON HEATH REGULATIONS FOR THE A GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The PCC's rules for the Garden of Remembrance are modelled on the Diocese of Manchester's Churchyard Regulations 2016 issued on the direction of the Chancellor of the Diocese to suit its church and Faculty granted

1. The Garden of Remembrance, situated on the ecclesiastical south side of the church building, abutting the perimeter fence with the portion of the churchyard used as a playground by All Saints Church of England, Voluntary Aided, Primary School, when it is in session, is a place of communal remembrance which may be used for the burial of cremated remains.

2. The cremated remains of the following persons, and no others, may be buried in the Garden of Remembrance namely :

[a] persons resident in the parish ;

[b] persons whose names are on the church electoral roll of the parish ;

[c] persons dying in the parish ;

[d] any other person to the burial of whose remains the Incumbent consents and, in giving such consent, the Incumbent shall have regard to any general guidance given by the PCC.

3. Application for the burial of cremated remains must be made to the Incumbent who will decide the place of burial.

4. The names of those whose cremated remains are buried, together with a record of where they are buried, will be recorded in the Burial Register to be kept in the church safe.

5. Cremated remains should normally be buried without their container. They are to be poured into the ground, from the container in which they are brought to the burial site, by the minister committing them to the earth and then covered with soil. At the discretion of the Incumbent such cremated remains may be buried in a casket or urn provided that it is made of biodegradable material.

6. The place of burial shall not be marked by any memorial or otherwise but the personal representatives of any person whose remains are buried in the Garden of Remembrance may, on payment of such charge as the PCC shall from time to time prescribe, require an appropriate entry to be made in the Book of Remembrance maintained in the church or on a memorial recording the names of those whose cremated remains are so buried.

7. No artificial flowers, foliage or anything referred to in paragraph 5.1 of Appendix B of the Churchyard Regulations may be laid anywhere in the Garden of Remembrance. The Rector does not have delegated authority to permit the following:

[a] Kerbs, railings, fencing or chippings.

[b] Memorials in the shape of a vase, heart, book or statues.

[c] Memorials incorporating photographs, portraits or etched images.

[d] Mementoes, windmills, toys or little animals.

[e] Anything affixed to or hung upon any monument, including insignia, crosses, images, models, paintings or photographs.

[f] The use of `pet names`.

[g] Artificial flowers.

[h] Any arms, crests, badge or insignia [save as permitted pursuant to paragraph 2.5.7. above].

[i] Any kind of lighting.

8. Natural flowers may be placed in vases or other containers provided by the PCC, whether in the church or outside, but all such flowers may be removed when they are dead or wilted.