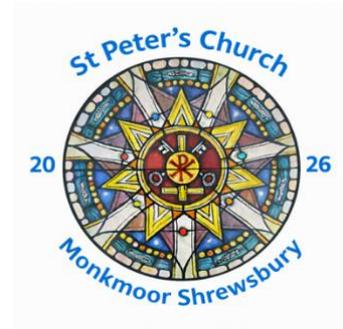


# St Peter's Shrewsbury

## Garden of Remembrance Policy



This policy is subject to the Churchyard Regulations issued by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Lichfield.

A faculty is in place for the creation of this Garden of Remembrance.

### Interment of Ashes

- **No Scattering:** Ashes may not be scattered or strewn; they must be buried in the ground.
- **Method of Burial:** Ashes are to be interred either directly into the ground (loose) or in a biodegradable container (e.g., wood, cardboard, cornstarch).
- **Depth:** Buried remains should be at least 300mm below ground level.
- **Documentation:** A Cremation Certificate must be presented to the minister before interment.
- **Records:** A detailed, accurate plan and a Book of Remembrance are kept recording the location of each burial.

### Memorials and Markers

- **No Individual Plots:** In many gardens, there are no individual, permanent markers on the grassed burial area.
- **Memorial Walls/Plaques:** Commemoration is done via a central memorial in the form of a Book of Remembrance.

- **Approval Required:** St Peter's Garden of Remembrance is designed to be a grassed area without memorials placed temporarily or permanently thereon. A small brass plaque can be placed in one of the nearby flower beds and any such proposed memorial must be approved by the parish priest or via a faculty (formal permission) and must comply with the Chancellor's regulations.

## **Flowers and Maintenance**

- **Fresh Flowers Only:** Generally, only fresh-cut flowers are permitted, placed in designated, fixed containers.
- **No Artificial Flowers:** Plastic, silk or artificial flowers, except for wreaths during Christmas or Remembrance, are typically not allowed.
- **Removal of Items:** To maintain the garden, personal items like ornaments, lights, toys, or potted plants will be removed by church authorities.

## **Eligibility and Rights**

- **No Ownership:** Interment of cremated remains does not convey ownership rights of the plot to the family.
- **Reservation:** Plots cannot be reserved in advance.
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**This garden of Remembrance Policy together with accompanying Chancellor's Regulations approved by PCC**

**Churchwardens – Bernice Firmin and June Marshall**

**Approved by the PCC – Date 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**PCC of St Peter's Shrewsbury**

## **A Charity excepted from Registration**