

Regulations relating to Memorials and Interments

The churchyard of St Peter & St John the Baptist is just one of many lovely churchyards in the Diocese of Chichester, known for their peace and tranquillity. In order to preserve the tidiness and beauty of all these churchyards, there are strict rules about what can and cannot be placed there. The regulations include restrictions on the type, size and design of memorials/plaques, lettering, and also the placing of flowers, vases and other items on graves. No memorials, plaques or crosses of any kind can be placed in the churchyard without permission. Permission is authorised by the Chancellor of the Diocese, but the Chancellor has delegated certain powers to the Vicar, who must abide by the regulations. A summary of the regulations can be seen on the church noticeboard in the porch. The full Chancellor's regulations can be read online at <http://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/documentation/churchyard-regulations/>

In order to avoid any misunderstanding, please contact the Church Wardens or the parish office at vicar.wivelsfield@gmail.com to check what is permissible before placing an order with a Stonemason or Funeral Director. If in doubt about anything you may wish to place on a grave, please check with the Vicar. It is always helpful if dead flowers are removed.

Book of Remembrance

Please contact the Vicar or a Churchwarden if you would like an entry in the Book of Remembrance. There is a fee of £10 for each name.

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FRIENDS of WIVELSFIELD CHURCHYARD



The Friends of Wivelsfield Churchyard was established in 2007 with the aim of raising funds to help pay for the upkeep of the churchyard of Wivelsfield Parish Church. All who visit the churchyard find a tranquil, beautiful and peaceful place. The view looking down the path of the churchyard towards the South Downs is truly memorable. Many families have relatives or friends laid to rest in this special place.

The churchyard is open and accessible to all. Anyone in the parish can be laid to rest here. It is not only for members of the church congregation. Many visitors walk through the churchyard and on into the surrounding fields.

Each summer we hold a special Friends of Wivelsfield Service

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The Grass Continues to Grow

To keep the churchyard in good order, it is necessary to employ a contractor. This costs £5,000 per annum. The Friends of Wivelsfield Churchyard at present contribute $\frac{2}{3}$ of this figure but we hope to increase this. We would like to encourage more people to donate to the Friends annually by way of a bank standing order. More regular donations would put the finance on a sounder basis and ensure that the churchyard always remains well cared for and a quiet, attractive haven for all but particularly for those in the local community.



There are also other costs. The trees in the churchyard are regularly checked to make sure they are safe. It is particularly important to care for the 1,000 year old yew tree to the north of the church that is beside the path used by all visitors. The wall surrounding the churchyard is also regularly checked. Part of this was recently re-pointed at a cost of £21,000. This sum was raised mainly by having an appeal.



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For more details about joining Friends of Wivelsfield Churchyard contact Mrs Pam Barton on 01444 242298.

All donations to Friends of Wivelsfield Churchyard are used solely for the upkeep of the churchyard. They are held in a Restricted Fund and do not contribute in any way to general church costs.

If you are able to make a regular annual donation via a bank standing order, please complete the attached form and send it to our Treasurer, Mr S Onions, 17 Woodgate Meadow, Plumpton Green, Lewes BN7 3 BD.

If you would like to make a donation by sending a cheque to Mr Perkins, please make it payable to Wivelsfield PCC and mark the envelope FWCY.

Any contribution will be most gratefully received and will surely give you the satisfaction of knowing you are helping maintain this beautiful churchyard.

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