

All Saints Parish Church, Writtle, CM1 3EN



All Saints' Church Garden of Remembrance and Churchyard - Information for family and friends

The Garden of Remembrance at All Saints Parish Church has been set aside as a final resting place for the cremated remains of loved ones. It is also a place where people come to sit, to remember, and to draw comfort from the peace provided by being close to God and to His church. The beauty and calm of the churchyard would not be the same if unsuitable memorials were there.

We want All Saints' Garden of Remembrance to be a place of peace and tranquillity, and we therefore ask that you respect the garden at all times, and adhere to the rules laid down by the Church of England and the Parochial Church Council. These rules are set out below and your co-operation would be appreciated:

1. Requests can be made for names to be inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance
2. By arrangement, ashes may be interred in the Garden of Rest
3. No plaques or memorials can be placed in the Garden of Rest over interred ashes
4. In the Garden of Rest, fresh flowers, bouquets and wreaths may be placed below the Wall of Remembrance, but should not be left on the grass, as dying flowers are unsightly and there is no gardener employed to keep the lawn free of dead flowers
5. In the churchyard where a flower vase is included in the base of a headstone, fresh flowers or cuttings from shrubs or bushes may be placed in the base
6. No plants or bulbs can be placed in the Garden of Rest over interred ashes, as the area is mown regularly. Potted plants may be placed below the Wall of Remembrance, but please bear in mind that there is no gardener who will water them regularly, and dying plants will be removed
7. No plastic or artificial flowers are permitted in the churchyard or Garden of Rest, because they are not in keeping with the changing seasons of nature which apply to the churchyard. The objective of the churchyard and Garden of Rest, both holy places, is to have flowers and plants which are in tune with nature as far as possible, and grow naturally. Exceptions are made for poppies at the time of Remembrance Sunday, because they serve a special purpose for a limited time on a national day of commemoration, and for wreaths at Christmas

We hope that all bereaved family and friends will respect these rules, in order that All Saints' Garden of Remembrance can remain the peaceful place that people will want to visit, now and in years to come. Thank you