

11. Artificial flowers are permitted but should be removed when they fade or decay or become out of season.

12. Metal or stone vases should be placed on the plinth of the memorial, or on the cremated remains tablet, NOT on the grass or soil. If there is no plinth, a vase may be sunk into the ground immediately in front of the memorial below the level of the surrounding ground so that it does not impede and will not be damaged by a mower. Glass, ceramic and plastic vases are not permitted.

13. The surface of the grave will be levelled after six months.

14. Wreaths and floral tributes may be laid on the grave and cut flowers placed in the permitted vases.



I/WE CONFIRM that we have received a copy of this leaflet and agree to comply with the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations.

I/WE authorise the removal from the grave of anything that does not comply with the Regulations.

Name of Deceased:

Grave reference:

Signed by:

Signature:

Dated:



St Boniface Churchyard

INFORMATION FOR
FAMILIES ARRANGING
A BURIAL OR
INTERMENT IN ST
BONIFACE
CHURCHYARD



For more information, please contact the

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*'Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.'*

Matthew 5v4

Making arrangements for the last resting place for loved ones is an important and often distressing responsibility. Many choose burial or interment of cremated remains in consecrated ground. The Diocesan Churchyard Regulations exist to guide those charged with making sensitive decisions and outline the Dioceses' rules for burials in a churchyard.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS 2007

The Diocesan Churchyard Regulations describe the type of memorial that the minister (a rector or vicar) of a Parish may permit in a churchyard. It is against the law for a minister to approve a memorial that does not comply with the Regulations.

This is a summary of the Regulations - a full version is available online:

<http://www.chester.anglican.org/support-services/churches/churchyards/churchyard-regulations-2007.php>



1. No memorial (including any type of gravestone or memorial vase) shall be erected or placed in the churchyard until the consent of the minister has been obtained in writing. Please ask for an Application Form.

2. Memorials must be construction and installed in accordance with the Recommended Code of Working Practice issued by the National Association of Memorial Masons and accordance with current British Standards. Always check with your memorial mason that the memorial will comply with the NAMM Code.

3. The Minister will normally be able to authorise the following:

Memorials for grave - full burials

A simple vertical memorial standing on a plinth. The height should not exceed 4 feet, measured from the surface of the ground. The maximum permitted width of memorials is 3 feet and the maximum thickness is 6 inches. The plinth supporting the memorial must not exceed 12 inches from front to back and not project more than 2 inches beyond the back and not more than 3 inches beyond the sides of the memorial. Horizontal memorials flush with the surface of the surrounding ground are permitted.

Memorial stones, marking or recording the interment of cremated remains

A memorial no larger than 21 inches x 21 inches. No part of the memorial may be above the level of the surrounding ground.

4. Memorials need not be restricted to a rectangular shape and curved tops are preferable to straight-edged ones. Memorials should be simple and consistent with nearby memorials and the setting of the churchyard.

5. Inscriptions must be simple and reverent. All inscriptions must receive the prior written approval of the minister.

6. Photographs, porcelain or plastic portraits and inscribed portraits or other representations of the deceased are NOT permitted.

7. Statuary and other sculpture are NOT permitted.

8. Kerbs, railings, posts or chains and similar items to enclose a grave are NOT permitted.

9. Chippings and similar materials to cover the surface of a grave are NOT permitted.

10. Trees, shrubs and other plants are NOT permitted.

