

THE CHURCHYARD

The Parish Church of Warlingham, All Saints'

In the Diocese of Southwark.

As the relatives or executors of someone who has died, you have asked for the burial to take place in Warlingham Churchyard and we need to draw your attention to the regulations concerning such burials.

Churchyards are under the control of the Chancellor of the Diocese, his main concern being to see that memorials, and the wording on them, are in keeping with the church and a place of Christian burial.

For practical reasons he delegates to Incumbents or Churchyard Officers the authority to permit headstones and other memorials in churchyards, provided that they fall within the conditions of his directive. The churchyard already contains certain memorials which do not conform to the present requirement, but this does not mean that similar memorials will be allowed in the future.

No memorial or work may be introduced into the churchyard without the written permission of the Incumbent or a Churchyard Officer and payment of the statutory fee. Local funeral directors have a list of these fees or application can be made to All Saints' Treasurer – Mr Paul Camp, “Butterfly Lodge” Butterfly Walk, Warlingham, Surrey. CR6 9JA

The rules governing memorials in Warlingham churchyard are as follows:-

Headstones may be of any one of the following natural stones:

Portland	Blue or Green Hornton
Purbeck	Nabresina
Doultong	Lepine
Brown York	Karin Grey Granite (Honed not Polished)

Headstones should be plain, i.e. without a stone base and be fitted to an adequate foundation below ground level. This is to make easier the cutting of the surrounding grass.

For the same reason, kerbs or similar grave markers of any material, or chippings spread over the grave **ARE NOT ALLOWED** and will be removed without notice.

Headstones with differently shaped tops (i.e. curved or round) are not discouraged, as this relieves monotony and other shapes may be explored as long as they are vandal resistant.

The sizes **MUST BE** as follows:-

Height not more than 1200mm (4ft) nor less than 750mm (2ft 6ins)

Width not more than 1050mm (3ft 6ins) nor less than 500mm (1ft 8ins)

Thickness not more than 150mm (6ins) nor less than 75mm (3ins)

Tablets marking the burial of Cremated Remains

These may be of any of the stones permitted for headstones the preferred size being 300mm x 300mm (12ins x 12ins) or of bronze and must be set flush with the surrounding grass to avoid damage by mowers.

Flowers and Containers

The churchyard is managed by volunteers and certain areas of grass are left uncut on a rotation basis, so as to encourage wild flowers and wildlife generally. Artificial flowers are not allowed, as being out of keeping with this policy, the exceptions being Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths, which should be removed within two months.

On **NO** account may any container or object be introduced above ground level, although a flower receptacle can be installed below the level of the grass to ensure ease of cutting. Any object found in contravention of these rules **Will Be Removed** without notice.

Inscriptions

Inscriptions on memorials are our last opportunity to pay respect to the dead and the words should be chosen with care.

The Chancellor's Directive asks that they should be "reverent" and may include quotations from literary sources. They must be incised or in relief and may be in black, gold or white. Plastic or other inlaid lettering is not permitted. All wordings must have prior approval by the Incumbent or Churchyard Officer.

Additions to an inscription may be made at a later date, but these must be separately approved and the lettering, layout and wording must be consistent with the original.