

**The Churchyard**  
**The Parish Church of Warlingham, All Saints'**  
**In the Diocese of Southwark**

If your loved one is buried in All Saints' Churchyard you will want to know how to care for the grave. This is a consecrated country churchyard and the Chancellor of the Diocese has laid down stringent regulations. Your Funeral Director will be able to give you more information concerning these rules.

**You are allowed to:-**

- Grass over the grave after 6-12 months to allow for settlement.
- Leave it to nature.
- Place fresh cut flowers on the grave - no containers allowed - or plant a few spring bulbs near the head of the grave.
- Place Christmas wreaths and Remembrance Day poppies which are to be removed within 2 months.

**You are NOT allowed to:-**

- Put in edging kerbs or stones or cover with shingle or slate chippings.
- Put any flower container or ornaments on the grave.
- Use artificial flowers (except Christmas wreaths or poppies - see above).

**If you want a headstone**

Check everything with your Funeral Director who will seek the approval of the Incumbent or Clerk to the Churchyard.

- Choose the type of stone you would like from the authorized list.
- Select the shape and size, which must be within certain measurements.
- Think carefully about the wording (it may be there for centuries). If another member of the family is to go in the grave later leave space for future wording. The wording has to be approved and strict guidelines are laid down by the Chancellor.
- Choose the type of lettering you want but it must be inlaid and can be in black, white or gold colouring.

**Remember all work must be approved by the Incumbent or Clerk and the necessary fees paid prior to the Headstone being installed.**

**Memorial Garden Plaques**

Strict rules apply to the tablets used when cremated remains are buried in the Remembrance Garden. They can be made in the same stones from the authorized list or a bronze plaque can be mounted on stone. The size shall not exceed 300mm x 300mm (12" x 12"). Flower containers will be allowed in the New Memorial Garden provided they are sunk below ground level. Any objects found above ground level will be REMOVED without notification.