

SPECIMEN REGULATIONS FOR GARDENS OF REMEMBRANCE

These draft regulations are a general guide for parishes and may be altered to suit the needs of individual parishes.

The Garden of Remembrance is set apart for the interment of the cremated remains of the following persons:

- 1. i. Those dying in the parish
  - ii. Those resident in the parish at the time of their deaths
  - iii. Those on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish at the time of their deaths
  - iv. A minor child of a person on the Electoral Roll of the parish.

The incumbent, or in the event of a vacancy in the benefice, the Priest in charge, may, after consulting the Parochial Church Council, consent to the interment of the cremated remains of any other person for good reason.

- 2. That in the Garden of Remembrance cremated remains shall be committed directly into the earth, and not in caskets or any form of container. It shall be within the incumbent's discretion to choose the spot of each burial.
- 3. The practice of individual memorial stones for the interment of cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance shall not be permitted.
- 4. There shall be a single "headstone" in this area, inscribed "Remember in prayer before God those whose ashes are buried here" or some similar wording.
- 5. Wreaths may be placed in the paved area round the "headstone" or cut flowers placed in containers provided in the area, but these must be removed as soon as they appear to be withered. No artificial flowers shall be allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths, and these should be removed after a period of no more than two months. No bulbs, plants or additional shrubs or trees may be planted in the Garden of Remembrance.
- 6. The names of those whose ashes are interred in this area will be recorded in the Book of Remembrance in the church.