



The Parish of Seacroft

The Church of England in Seacroft, Swarcliffe and Whinmoor

Churchyard regulations: St James, Seacroft

Permission

Any changes to the churchyard require specific permission. No memorial, tablet, container for flowers nor any other object of any kind may be introduced into the churchyard without the written permission of the Team Rector.

Interment of cremated remains

The garden of remembrance in the churchyard at St James, Seacroft is for the interment of cremated remains. Those requesting the interment of cremated remains must obtain written permission from the Team Rector, and must agree in writing to abide by these regulations.

Ownership

The legal ownership of the churchyard, and therefore the graves and the sites of interment of cremated remains, is vested in the Team Rector. Receiving permission to inter cremated remains, interring such remains, or installing a stone tablet over such remains does not confer any rights of ownership upon the person requesting the interment, nor upon the relatives of the deceased, nor upon any other person. The legal ownership remains unchanged.

Size of plot

The size of a plot for interments of cremated remains is 18 x 24 inches.

Containers in which cremated remains may be interred

Ashes may be interred with no container, i.e. poured directly into the ground. If a container is used it must be biodegradable, e.g. of wood. Plastic or metal containers are not permitted.

Memorial tablets

The only form of memorial permitted is a stone tablet laid flush with the surrounding ground. Tablets must be of Welsh slate, 18 x 12 inches x 2 inches deep. Lettering must be incised, and may be tinted a tone lighter or darker than the natural colour of the stone. The inscription should take the form:

Name

Date of death

Age

No advertisement or trademark may be inscribed on a tablet.

Placing flowers etc. on sites of interment.

One container for fresh flowers may be placed on the plot where cremated remains are interred (on top of the slate tablet if one is installed). In order to protect those mowing the garden, such containers may not be of glass. Flowers left until they are past their best will be removed in order to keep the garden tidy. Nothing other than flowers may be placed on the site of an interment.

Book of remembrance

The names of those whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance will be entered in the Book of Remembrance kept in the church. This can be viewed whenever the church is open, or at other times by appointment.

For more information, or for a form on which to apply for permission to inter cremated remains, please contact the Team Rector:

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