

# The Flagstaff Family of Churches

## The care of Cemetery and Churchyard

In order to maintain the good order of the Cemetery and Churchyard, the Trustees, i.e. The Team Vicar and respective Churchwardens have implemented the following regulations, which are in accord with the practice of the Diocese of Leicester.

### Graves

1. The care of a grave is the responsibility in the first instance of the family of the deceased.
2. Permission in writing must be obtained from the Team Vicar before any monument is erected, or an additional inscription is made. Such authority will not normally be given until 12 months after the burial to allow the ground to settle.
3. A charge is made to accommodate the headstone which may be polished or unpolished or of slate. White marble is **not** permitted. Photographs on headstones are **not** permitted. Designs in colour are **not** permitted except by Faculty.
4. To make mowing of the grass easier, mounds, raised kerbs, railings and the like are not permitted.
5. The placing of flowers on a grave is not for permanent decoration but to mark a visit.
  - i. Dead flowers should be removed; bins are provided.
6. Artificial flowers indicate neglect. However:
  - i. Remembrance Poppies and Christmas Roses are permitted but must be removed within 6 weeks.
  - ii. Silk flowers must be seasonal and shall be removed if faded and/or inappropriate.
7. Decorations or illuminations shall not be permitted under any circumstances.
8. Mementoes and sundry artefacts shall not be permitted unless subject to rule 6 above.
9. Inappropriate items will be removed and may be claimed before any Sunday Service at church.
10. Refuse shall be placed in the dustbins provided.
11. Headstones considered to be in a dangerous condition shall be laid flat.

### Garden of Remembrance

1. This area is consecrated and reserved for the burial of cremated remains which are interred loose under a turf. It is subject to the Cemetery Rules above.
2. Such reverent interment of ashes does not constitute a grave and permanent memorial eg. flower vase or wall plaque are not permitted.
3. In order to allow mowing, existing memorials which are contrary to this rule shall be moved to the garden's edge.
4. Surrounding the Worthington Garden of Remembrance is a low wall, and it is permissible to have a wall plaque in place on this wall. This wall plaque in no way indicates the existence of a grave in any specific area.
5. Inappropriate items will be removed as stated, and may be claimed before any Sunday service at church (as above).

### Notes:

1. A Book of Remembrance is kept in church in which names of the deceased are inscribed for which a small charge is made. The Book of Remembrance is open each day to show the name of the deceased on the anniversary.
2. Compassion shall be foremost but the Team Vicar shall be the final arbiter of what represents good taste and propriety.
3. Please consider the feelings of other visitors to this cemetery.
4. The cemetery and churchyard are private property. As such, shall only open during hours of daylight.
5. A great deal of effort is directed at maintaining the cemetery and churchyard. Please remember the feelings of others.
6. All contact names and numbers can be found on the **Church Noticeboard**.