

Garden Of Remembrance Policy

When you come to consider placing a memorial stone for your loved one after cremation, please could you be aware of our present policy, which follows local Church of England guidance. The aim is to preserve the character of the churchyard, so that what is placed there is of good design and harmonises with the surroundings, and, in some cases, for everyone's safety as well. We will be pleased to help with any questions you may have.

The **size** of the stone tablets for our Remembrance Gardens should be between 30 x 25 cm (12 x 10 in.) and 30 x 30 cm (12 x 12 in.), and the tablet should be laid flush with the turf, or slightly below.

The preferred **types of stone** are: light grey Granite (eggshell finish), Roman stone (Nabresina), York, Purbeck, Portland. Those **not** allowed include: Highly polished or mirror finishes; blue or red granite and granites darker than Rustenburg grey; Carrara white or similar marble; synthetic stone or plastic.

This is so that the materials used harmonise as well as possible with the church building and its setting.

The **inscription** is basically a name and date(s) but there is room for a line or two with the Vicar's agreement. Please keep it simple and reverent. **Lettering** should be incised into the stone or carved in relief: not in lead. The letters may be painted for clarity, in any of the following **colours**: matt white, matt black, grey, brown, silver.

To help us keep the Churchyard as safe and pleasant as possible:

Please try to remove wreaths and flowers once they look withered.

Please do not use glass or china containers, which break easily and become dangerous.

Please remove Remembrance Day poppies and Christmas wreaths after a couple of months.

Important: Usually, other items (e.g. mementoes, statues, keepsakes) are not allowed, except in exceptional circumstances with the Vicar's express permission. Please respect the neighbouring plots by not encroaching on them.

Please note that we reserve the right to remove items that do not comply with this policy.

Names of some trusted local stonemasons can be obtained from the office.

Permission for a memorial outside of these guidelines may occasionally be granted by the Archdeacon of Bournemouth, but you would need to consult the Vicar first.