



St Andrew's Churchyard, Cromhall

(Policy for burials, interment of ashes, and maintenance of graves and headstones.)

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Burials

St Andrew's churchyard is subject to the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations designed to help clergy and their parishes adopt good practice in the management of burial grounds in churchyards.

The churchyard is now short of space for burials. In future burial plots will only be available for:

- Members of St Andrew's Electoral Roll
- Residents of Ecclesiastical Parish of Cromhall
- People who die in Ecclesiastical Parish of Cromhall

All other requests for burial for persons who do not comply with the above must be made in writing to the parish priest, or during a vacancy, the area dean for their consideration.

For all burials a 'pre-burial form' must be completed. This can be obtained from the parish priest, or during a vacancy, the area dean.

Memorials / Headstones

If a memorial stone is required, an 'Application form to introduce a Memorial into a Churchyard' must be completed and returned to the parish priest, or during a vacancy, the area dean. This is available from the local funeral directors. They will advise on acceptable size, material and wordings.

Applications for headstones will only be accepted by the parish priest, or during a vacancy, the area dean at least six months after the burial, thus giving the ground time to settle.

Maintenance of graves and headstones

This is the responsibility of the family of the deceased. The family may wish to take out insurance against damage to the headstone.

Cromhall PCC retains the right to remove any unsafe or defaced headstones after consultation with any known family members.

The grassed area between the graves is the responsibility of the Church.

- Bulbs and flowers are acceptable when planted on the grave.
- Potted plants and vases of flowers should be placed near the headstone and removed once dead. The churchyard team have the right to remove any flowers that are dead and unsightly.

- All wreathes, memorabilia and toys must be removed from graves within a month of the burial.
- Silk or other artificial flowers are not allowed, except in Christmas wreathes. Please remove these by Jan 31st.
- The planting of shrubs and trees, either on graves or elsewhere in the churchyard, is not allowed without the agreement of PCC. Any planted without permission may be removed.

We are aware that some graves may not conform to the above regulations at present. We would respectfully ask that steps are taken to do so, if they do not comply with the above.

Interment of Ashes

An application form for this is available from local funeral directors. Interment of ashes without permission is not allowed. The scattering of ashes is also not permitted in any circumstances within the churchyard.

Old Garden of Remembrance



This is now full.

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Ashes may also be interred in the graves of the family.

New Garden of Remembrance

All future interment of ashes will be restricted to the New Garden of Remembrance.

Cromhall PCC is currently consulting Gloucester Diocese with regard to a revised layout of this area. When this has been agreed, it will be published and distributed throughout the parish.



Book of Remembrance

This is a book of remembrance for all who worship regularly at St Andrew's and their relatives. Other names may be added if requested and, if agreed by PCC, a donation of £20 made towards church funds.

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