

## **St. Anne's Church, Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17**



### **Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance Guidelines**

Thank you for reading this information carefully and working in consultation with St. Anne's to ensure that the churchyard remains a place of solace and dignity in accordance with ecclesiastical law.

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Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you and your loved ones at this time.

We hope that these guidelines will help to ensure that your family in the graveyard and / or Garden of Remembrance remains a special place where you will feel close to God.

## **Graveyard**

There are no further burial plots available within the graveyard and no new burial plots are permitted. There are, however, a number of family burial plots that can still be used. The Priest in Charge will be only too pleased to advise you on these.

## **Garden of Remembrance**

The Garden of Remembrance is consecrated ground. It is owned by the Church of England and maintained by St. Anne's church which covers all costs. No financial assistance is provided by the local council or any other agency. The churchyard is an open space that is accessible to the public and is maintained voluntarily by the members of St. Anne's.

In accordance with ecclesiastical law, the Priest in Charge and the Parochial Church Council are responsible for the churchyard and Garden of Remembrance and must observe ecclesiastical and relevant civil law.

As a church, we are committed to ensuring that the Garden of Remembrance is maintained properly whilst remaining sensitive to the needs and feelings of everyone. In accordance with this, the Parochial Church Council has approved the following rules and guidelines for the churchyard of St Anne's to be effective from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Revd. Ian Greenwood

Priest in Charge

St. Anne's, Aigburth, Liverpool

## **St. Anne's Garden of Remembrance: Criteria**

In accordance with ecclesiastical law, ashes can only be interred in a plot in the Garden of Remembrance at a Service of Interment conducted by the Priest in Charge at St. Anne's or by a visiting Minister approved by the Priest in Charge (or in his absence the standing committee of the PCC). The person whose ashes are thus interred must be in one of the following categories:

- those who live in the Parish at the time of their death;
- those who die in the Parish;
- those whose name is on the electoral role at the time of their death;
- a child under 16 years old of a person on the Electoral Roll of the parish;
- those who have a long standing connection with St Anne's;
- those permitted at the discretion of the Priest in Charge.

## **St. Anne's Garden of Remembrance: Guidelines**

1. Ashes will be interred into a hole measuring 150 mm formed using an auger. Any form of casket, box or case to hold the ashes is not permitted.
2. Those who are interred within the Garden of Remembrance will be recorded in the Book of Remembrance held within the church.
3. To honour sensitivities and comply with legislation:
  - no tablets, headstones or crosses are permitted but those in place prior to 28.11.13 will not be removed;
  - items that deteriorate will be removed by the PCC;
  - shrubs, trees, lights, ornaments or items of any kind, including artificial flowers, may not be put on or around the plot or in any part of the Garden of Remembrance. Any such items will be removed by the Priest in Charge or designated members of St. Anne's.

## **St. Anne's Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance: General Guidelines**

1. The churchyard and Garden of Remembrance are lovingly maintained by St. Anne's. At church expense, the grass is cut regularly by volunteers. Whilst care is extended at all times, St. Anne's cannot accept responsibility for any damage incurred during mowing and upkeep.
2. Whilst every reasonable effort is extended to care for the churchyard and Garden of Remembrance, as they are an open space with easy access, St. Anne's cannot be held responsible or liable for damage to or vandalism of any headstone, memorial tablet or other item placed on or in the churchyard, howsoever caused.
3. Cut flowers can be placed in the Garden of Remembrance 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 one month. No bulbs, plants or additional shrubs or trees may be planted in the Garden of Remembrance.
4. Any inquiries are to be directed to the Priest in Charge.