



Policy Statement on Burials

Burials

Parishioners and those on the Church Electoral Roll have the right of burial of bodies or ashes at St Mary's or ashes at St John's.

Those living outside the parish will be permitted burial under the following conditions (and at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens):

- 1) Body burial at St Mary's:
 - a) Only if re-opening a spouse's grave, or that of another relative within two generations and with the approval of other living relatives.
 - b) if there is a demonstrable connection with the Parish, e.g. if a former resident of long standing or former worshipper.

- 2) Burial of Ashes:
 - a) St Mary's: Only if in a family grave as defined in 1a) above, or with a demonstrable connection as defined in 1b) above.
 - b) St John's: If there is a demonstrable connection as defined in 1b) above.

St Mary's Churchyard

In addition to the Chancellor's Regulations governing churchyards, the following will apply:

- No further granite monuments will be permitted.
- Only simple tablets may be placed on graves.
- No non-Christian images will be permitted on graves.
- No further memorial benches will be allowed.

St John's Churchyard

Regulations regarding the burial of ashes in the churchyard are displayed on the noticeboard in the porch. No monuments of any kind are permitted.