

Flowers

Since we have six burials in front of each stone, there is a need for everyone to respect other people's space. The rule is, please, just one plant pot per space. The pot should be of no more than 7 inches in diameter, and it is not fair if flowers or other plants are larger than that. We do not allow garden or other ornaments, artificial flowers (with the exception of Remembrance poppies or Christmas wreaths (as long as they are removed after a few weeks)), nor written tributes and other memories. We are aware that not everyone follows these rules, but we would be very grateful if you would do so. We will keep the plots tidy (removing dead flowers), and reserve the right to move anything unsuitable. There is a working party of Friends who keep the churchyard tidy, and they would be glad of your support. Patrick Smith (churchwarden) is the contact.

Except for the periods of Advent and Lent, there are always flowers in Church. Michèle Aspinall is churchwarden and flower co-ordinator and she would be happy to talk to you if you would like your loved one commemorated that way (perhaps on the anniversary of their death).

Please talk to us

If you have any queries about the information in this leaflet, or wish to arrange an interment, please phone **The Reverend Peter Barham** on 01332 551404

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The Parish of St Edmund
Allestree



Interment of Ashes in the Churchyard

Introduction

The Churchyard at St Edmund's is closed to burials (except for the rare occasion when we re-open an old grave) - but it is open for the Interment of Ashes of anyone who has lived and died in Allestree, or who has a link with St Edmund's church. Occasionally the ashes will go into a family grave, usually they go into the Memorial Garden on the north east side of the church.



On the day of the funeral

Committal takes place at the Crematorium - sometimes after a service there, or after a service in Church (and please do feel welcome to use your parish church even if the deceased was not a regular church attender). Usually the Funeral Directors will collect the ashes for you, store them carefully, and then deliver them to the Vicar prior to interment. On some occasions the family wish to keep them. They are accompanied by a Certificate confirming they are the ashes of your loved one.

The Interment

The earliest interment of ashes could take place is 48 hours after Cremation, but many families prefer to wait longer - until friends and relations can gather again, or sometimes in the hope of better weather. The date of the Interment must be arranged with the Vicar, and we obviously need

sufficient notice to ensure we are free. If you have another family member already buried here, the ashes can be buried in their grave. We do not allow the scattering of ashes, and we discourage the use of caskets or wooden boxes - much easier simply to put the ashes into the hole.

Some families like to come to a normal Sunday morning service and then go out together to the Churchyard; others prefer to meet with just their family and friends, sometimes on a Saturday; others prefer not to be present. A hole will have been dug before you arrive and the ashes will be poured in at a point during the short service - it lasts about 10 minutes. After we leave, the hole will be filled in and turf replaced. At some point in the future, the ashes of a next of kin can be interred in the same place.

A few weeks later the full name and dates of the deceased are placed on a tablet on the stone. One of our members, Thelma Thompson, will be in touch with you to check the details, and she will arrange for the lettering. We insist that we always use the same mason, and put the same details on for everyone.

The Fee for this is £417 (in 2020). The fee for the burial (£152) is set by the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure of 1986, the person who prepares the plot receives £38, and the plaque costs £214 (this includes a payment towards the cost of the main stone). Cheques made payable to "St Edmund's Allestree PCC" please, or included as part of the fees paid to the Funeral Director. The cost of a second interment is £203 plus the cost of the lettering.

