

The Church of England Churchyard Regulations 2007- Revised 2017.

A consecrated burial ground of a Church of the Church of England is subject to legal control, of which adherence to various Churchyard regulations is a key part. To this end, may we respectfully clarify a number of regulations regarding the treatment of grave spaces and their maintenance at St James'. The churchyard is maintained by a Community payback team and a group of church volunteers who meet once a month.

- 1. Kerbs, railings, posts or chains to enclose a grave are NOT permitted, i.e. no gardens.**
- 2. Spring and autumn bulbs may be planted in the soil adjacent to the headstone, but NOT trees, shrubs or other plants. The flowers of such bulbs are liable to be mown in the course of churchyard maintenance.**
- 3. Wreaths and floral tributes may be laid on the grave and cut flowers arranged in metal or stone vases placed on the memorial plinth.**
- 4. Glass, ceramic and plastic containers are NOT permitted.**
- 5. Silk and good quality artificial flowers ARE permitted, but once the type of flower is out of season it may be removed.**
- 6. PLASTIC flowers are NOT permitted.**
- 7. Persons who carry out the upkeep of the churchyard may remove wreaths, cut flowers etc. when they appear to be withered or dead.**
- 8. Faded or decaying artificial flowers may be removed.**
- 9. No teddy bears, photographs, balloons or other sentimental items should be left on a grave. If they are, they may be removed at any time 42 days following interment.**

Christmas 2018

Many graves now have wreaths and flowers placed on them. If you wish to remove wreaths etc. after the festive period please do so and place them in the correct recycling box in the churchyard. Remaining wreaths will be removed by February 2 2019.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

12th December 2018

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