



ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCHYARD, MAYFIELD

This historic Churchyard is consecrated ground and provides a resting place for all parishioners resident in Mayfield or Five Ashes at the time of their death

These regulations for new graves, headstones and their care and upkeep, are set out by Mayfield Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") based on the Chancellor's ⁽¹⁾ General Directions (re-issued March 2015) applicable to the Anglican Diocese of Chichester.

1 Required Permissions

Permission from the PCC is required for a new grave or headstone, monument, or memorial to be introduced into this Churchyard, or for any change to an existing grave. Application forms are provided by the Funeral Director and sent to the PCC at The Parish Office, 1st Floor, London House, High St, Mayfield TN20 6AQ.

The Vicar is happy to be consulted about appropriate design, wording and appearance etc. Restrictions are laid down by the Chancellor and it should be noted that inter alia pet names are not permitted on Headstones and memorials should not be in the shape of vases, hearts, or open books nor should incorporate photographs or portraits.

2 Maintenance of Graves

Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in front of the headstone in the soil and cut flowers may be placed in removable sunken containers (preferably of unpolished aluminium and available from The Parish Office) in the soil of any grave. However artificial flowers (except Remembrance Day poppies) or shrubs are not permitted. It is also not permitted to remove the grass turf or plant in a decorative manner over a grave.

Mementoes such as toys or little animals, statues or figures including cars etc or animals or windmills or similar are not permitted.

To facilitate the ease of maintenance of the Churchyard, the introduction of kerbs, railings, fencing or chippings is not allowed.

It is agreed that the PCC have the right to remove withered wreaths, cut flowers and plants, as well as mementoes which contravene these guidelines. The PCC will seek to return any such mementoes to the family.

3 Appeal

In case of disagreement with any decision of the PCC relating to the above, a Faculty, (equivalent to planning permission) may be sought from the Chancellor.

4 Notes

You are welcome to use water from the available butt near the cellar steps at the north-west corner of St Dunstan's.

Dog walkers are asked to use the public footpath to the east of the Churchyard and not the main path through the Churchyard as a sign of respect to all those who are visiting graves. The north end gate and bridge is for access only to visitors and is not a right of way into the private grounds of Mayfield School.

The Archbishop's Commission on Rural Areas encourages the PCC to create a natural habitat for wildlife and we do this in the summer months in the oldest and least visited parts of the Churchyard.

⁽¹⁾ *The Chancellor is a lawyer who represents the church of England on legal matters)*
Further information can be found on the Diocese web site:
http://www.chichester.anglican.org/media/documents/document/2016/01/Chancellors_General_Directions_Appendix_II_-_Churchyard_regulations.pdf

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I confirm that I have received a copy of these Regulations and agree to abide by them.

Name:
(please print)

Signed:

Date:

Name of Deceased:

If you would like to help with the annual protection and upkeep of this beautiful Churchyard (approximately £8k per annum) please see the attached Standing Order from The Friends of Mayfield Churchyard.

In line with the new General Data Protection Regulations I agree to St Dunstan's retaining my data and contacting me to inform me of appropriate events or services. (Please tick)
(Please note your details will not be passed to any third party)

Final version agreed by PCC 02.10.17



Friends of Mayfield Churchyard Bank Standing Order Form

To Bank

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Address

..... Postcode

Account Name

Account No.

Bank Sort Code: - - .

Please pay to the National Westminster Bank, 19 High Street, Heathfield TN21 8LU.

For the credit of Friends of Mayfield Churchyard Current Account

Account no. 11595760

Sort Code: 60-10-30

The sum of £ on20..... (date)

and thereafter annually on the same date until I notify you otherwise.

Signed

Name IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Address

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..... Postcode

Please return this form to Mr Barrie Martin, Laurel Cottage, South Street, Mayfield
TN20 6DD

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