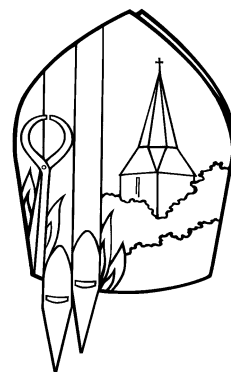


## **ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCHYARD, MAYFIELD**

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

The regulations for new graves, headstones and their care and upkeep, are set out by the Diocesan Chancellor (chief legal officer) [Professor Mark Hill QC] and accepted by the Church Council.



Any person living within our ecclesiastical parish has the right to be buried in St Dunstan's churchyard. The Church Council will give favourable consideration to requests from people living beyond the parish boundary who can demonstrate a current or historic relationship with St Dunstan's church. Such requests should be made as soon as someone is planning their funeral as the PCC only meets every two months.

### **Post-burial (after either a full burial or burial of cremated remains):**

#### **1 Required Permissions**

The Diocesan Chancellor reserves the right to approve all applications for headstones and memorials introduced into churchyards, however he has given permission for the Vicar to approve certain memorials, depending on what is included, type and colour of stone etc. Within these criteria the Vicar can authorise a memorial, but outside of them the Vicar is unable to do so and an application must then be made to the Diocesan Chancellor. (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.)

Permission from the Vicar, who is very happy to be consulted about appropriate design, wording and appearance etc, should initially be sought for a new 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 Vicar at The Parish Office, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, London House, High St, Mayfield TN20 6AQ.

#### **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 (of unpolished aluminium and available from The Parish Office at a cost of £10 each) 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 figurines of any sort, such as (but not exclusively) toys, little animals, statues, figures including cars, animals, windmills or similar are not permitted under any circumstances.

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

The PCC are required under the Chancellor's directions to, and 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 wherever practicable.

### 3 Appeal

Where the Vicar is unable to approve an application, a formal application may be made to the Diocesan Chancellor, c/o Chichester Diocesan Registry, Winckworth Sherwood, Arbor, 255 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 9AX; telephone 0207 593 5015

### 4 Practical Notes

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

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 PCC is encouraged to create a natural habitat for wildlife and we do this in the oldest and least visited parts of the Churchyard.

You can support the continuing maintenance and upkeep of our churchyard, which costs over £12,000 a year by making a one-off or annual donation to the 'Friends of Mayfield Churchyard' – a form accompanies this information.

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### St Dunstan's Churchyard, Mayfield

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:** .....

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)*



## Friends of Mayfield Churchyard Standing Order Form

To ..... Bank

Branch .....

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 £ ..... on .....20..... (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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