



Welcome to the Churchyard
at
Holy Trinity Church Nailsea
Notes for Families regarding the
Garden of Remembrance

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“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:7

On behalf of all at Holy Trinity we would like to offer you our love, support and sympathy for you at this time of loss and sadness.

Guidelines for burial of ashes and the memorial stone.

This leaflet is a guide to help you make important decisions about the burial and graveyard tributes you may wish to have for your loved one in the garden of remembrance . If you have any questions about burial and memorial stones or the burial of ashes specifically please initially speak to the Welcome Desk on 01275 853 227 or email welcome@htnailsea.org.uk, we are always here to help.

From earliest times a churchyard has been regarded as “God’s Acre” and as far as possible we aim to reflect the nature of a garden in the church grounds and graveyard here. Churchyards are also places of peace and calm and order. Everything in a churchyard is therefore a matter of care and consideration, from the memorial stones, the floral tributes to the trees and shrubs. For this reasons there are some rules and restrictions established for the use of graveyards in this country which we must follow and we will explain these where they apply.

If you would like to spend a little time in the church yard to reflect and remember there are two seats in the churchyard close to the ‘Garden of Remembrance’ area . There is also a planted church garden on the other side of the church building. It is quiet and more secluded than the churchyard with lawns and thoughtfully planted beds and borders, which also have benches for you to sit, reflect and enjoy.

The Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance is an area where a loved one’s loose ashes can be buried in an already designated plot, where a memorial plaque has been placed over the plot. Due to the size of the plots, please note that we are not able to accept ashes buried in a casket.

Floral tributes can be placed in a single vase or planter which is no larger than the width of the plaque. To maintain the peaceful ambience of the whole area no other tributes/objects can be accepted.

There is a seat for family and friends who would like to sit and reflect.

Please be aware that space in the Garden of Remembrance is now very limited unless you already have a family member buried there with a memorial plaque in situ.

Churchyard Requirements and Regulations

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) for Holy Trinity Nailsea has set out guidance notes based on the diocese policy for churches. These notes cover detail about use of floral tributes in the area to ensure that the Churchyard and Graveyard remain tidy, peaceful and quietly respectful for all those who use it to remember loved ones and that we are compliant with relevant requirements for churchyards.

Annual Memorial Service

Each year, in the latter part of the year, we hold a memorial service at Holy trinity at which loved ones are named individually and remembered. This is a moving yet relaxed occasion to which all those bereaved in the previous two years are formally invited. Anyone is welcome and many come year upon year to honour and remember those they have lost, drawing comfort and strength from God and one another.

Someone to talk to

Bereavement can be a very difficult and often lonely time, but you need not feel alone. If you would like someone to talk to or pray for you, please do contact the Rector via the Church Office, telephone 01275 853227 or welcome@htnailsea.org.uk

The Trinity Café at church is also open most weekday mornings for hot drinks and light snacks and a warm welcome. There is always someone there if you would like to chat in a more spontaneous and informal setting.

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Notes to help us maintain the ambience of the Remembrance area

1. Items on or around memorial plaques - No items not in accordance with the Christian Faith may be put on the memorial plaques. If you have any concerns about any specific item please ask. Photographs, toys or QR Codes are not permitted on the memorial or elsewhere in the churchyard.
2. You are welcome to put fresh cut flowers on or at the head of the memorial plaque as often as you wish, these will be removed once wilted. Christmas wreaths may be also be placed on the memorial plaque and left until wilted. Plastic and synthetic flowers are not to be placed on the memorials with the exception of silk/fabric poppies. Poppies may be placed on the memorial plaque at Remembrance Day. These should be removed after 2 months (around New Year).
3. Glass and plastic containers are not allowed – flowers may be put in an appropriately sized container being no larger than the width of the plaque.
4. Items of remembrance - exception may be made for an interment of child/teenager up to 18 years old but in consultation with the Rector.
5. The Garden of Remembrance area is periodically tidied to ensure a clear and quiet area for contemplation, for those of all ages. Any items which don't follow these guidelines or broken items, holders etc will be moved and temporarily held in an adjacent area (beside the seating) for the removal by the family. (If not collected these items will be permanently removed after a period of 6 months.)