

# Graves in our Churchyard

Our churchyards are precious places, not just for the families of those buried there, but also as a historical record of our community and a place to find peace. The Church of England has a strict policy on what is permitted in Churchyards. Please comply with what is allowed (listed below) and help us keep our churchyard beautiful and respectful for all visitors. Thank you!

Vicar and Churchwardens

- Bulbs or small annual plants may be placed in a grave plot.
- Plants/cut flowers may be placed in a removable sunken container in the soil of any grave.
- Wreaths/cut flowers placed within the graveyard will be removed once wilted.
- NO artificial flowers or foliage may be placed on/around graves, other than poppies on Remembrance Day.
- Any other objects (chippings/statues/ornaments/toys) may not be placed without a faculty from the Diocese.

Any unauthorised items will be removed and placed in the church for collection for 7 days, after which time they will be disposed of.

Thank you for your understanding.

See Diocesan Website for full regulations:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/chichester-churchyard-regulations/>