



**The West Purbeck Benefice
Holy Rood Wool, St John the Baptist Bere Regis St Laurence Affpuddle with
The Lulworth Parishes of East and West Lulworth, Winfrith Newburgh and
Chaldon Herring**

**DIOCESE OF SALISBURY
CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS FOR A BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD**

Prior to burial the Parochial Church Council requires that the next of kin be made aware of the rules and regulations which govern the churchyard. The Diocesan Regulations current at the time of burial apply and a copy of these are supplied with this form.

1. The only marker that may be introduced is a stone or wooden marker (referred to in the Diocesan Regulations as a Memorial) approved in accordance with the Diocesan Regulations, in advance of its installation. The incumbent is always happy to advise on this.
2. No kerbing, fencing or borders, of any material, may be introduced around a grave.
3. No gravel, stone or bark chippings may be introduced.
4. No planting of shrubs, trees, perennial or annual flowers may be introduced into the plot. Winter or Spring flowering bulbs may be planted, but these may be cut when mowing commences in the spring.
5. No loose vases or containers may be introduced, either on the surface or sunk into the ground.
6. No other item, including ornaments, artificial flowers, windmills, flags, soft toys, cards, notes etc may be introduced, with the exception of wreaths at the time of burial (to be removed within 30 days of the date of burial) and at Christmas (between 1 December and 31 January) and Remembrance poppies or crosses between 20 October and 20 December.

These regulations are aimed at enabling the churchyard to be maintained in a sustainable way, and in particular to enable mowing of the churchyard to be undertaken efficiently and safely.

The Incumbent and Church Wardens may ask you to remove anything that does not comply with Diocesan and local regulations, and reserve the right to do so in the event of non-compliance, or if it is not possible to contact those responsible. Any request for permission to introduce anything into the churchyard which does not fall within these regulations must be made formally to the Chancellor of the Diocese, and details of how to make such application can be obtained from the Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, who may be contacted at Church House in Salisbury on telephone number 01722 438654

Thank you for taking care of the last resting place for your loved ones and for complying with these regulations.

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