

History of the Garden

The garden was originally the idea of the Rev'd Bill Hulse in the early 1990s and was created and looked after by one of St Paul's parishioners, Horace Myhill, for a number of years.

In 2003 Celia Wroe and Richard Wells had an idea to improve and landscape the Garden and to include a wildlife area.

For a number of years the Garden was included in the annual Yorkshire in Bloom competition for community participation. The visiting judges were very complimentary about the Garden and special recognition was given by all at St Paul's to Celia and Richard for their dedication and hard work over the years in creating such a beautiful garden.

With the retirement of Celia and Richard in December 2015 the Garden is now in the next phase of its life as it continues to grow with the passage of time.

Summary of the Churchyard Guidance Issued by the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales

The churchyard is the setting for our Parish Church and it needs to be a place where people can seek peace, remember and pray, without the distraction of things that are unsightly or inappropriate.

A parishioner has a right to the burial of his/her cremated remains ('ashes') in a churchyard and the remains of non-parishioners can also be buried there if the Incumbent (vicar) consents.

Applications for the interment (burial) of ashes must be made to the Incumbent, who will decide the place of interment.

The names of those, whose ashes are interred, together with a record of where they are interred, will be recorded in the Church's Burial Register.

Cremated remains may be interred in a family grave but otherwise will be buried in the Garden of Remembrance.

The ashes should normally be buried in a casket or urn, provided it is made of a biodegradable material.

Permanent markers must be a properly bedded tablet of York Stone. Permission must be sought from the Incumbent to place a tablet, subject to the Incumbent's approval of the wording, design, dimensions and materials. The tablet must be laid flush with the surrounding ground in landscape orientation (to match existing tablets). The size of the tablet must not exceed 450mm by 300mm (18" by 12"). **A single small flower container may also if wished be placed (preferably of stone). This container cannot be engraved. It is only the tablet which can be engraved as described above.**

The chosen plot for cremated remains may be made large enough to accommodate two burials, but this must be requested at the time of the first burial. Permission may also be requested for one additional burial of ashes in an existing plot, just to the front of the memorial tablet.

The fees payable to the Church are statutory and are set nationally at the beginning of each year.

Payment of fees does not constitute ownership of the plot which at all times remains with the Incumbent.

Rules of the Garden

In order to maintain the high standard of the Garden and to respect the fact that this is a place shared by many others we ask that the guidance notes in this leaflet be observed by everyone.

The Church Council now regularly monitors the garden and are looking for all plots to gradually meet our standard as time passes.

Our rules state that if wished, ***a single separate small flower container only (preferably of stone and not engraved) may be placed at the plot.*** This is to make the ongoing maintenance manageable and so not put off volunteers from helping. As the garden is a public space other ornaments such as wind chimes, windmills, lighting etc should not be left in or around the Garden as their integrity/security cannot be guaranteed.

Dead flowers may be removed by the Church Council, and any broken or damaged containers and objects will be removed and kept for their owners.

Fundraising for the Garden

There is a cost to maintaining the Garden which we try to minimize by encouraging people with a connection to the Garden to come forward and help with the general maintenance where possible, however we still rely on additional donations to keep the Garden open.

If you wish to make a donation or to work as a volunteer in the Garden please contact our Vicar.

Further information

Further information about our Garden of Remembrance can be obtained from our Vicar.

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Garden of Remembrance, St. Paul's Church, Shadwell



**A place of peace, beauty
and tranquility for the
final resting place of the ashes
of your loved ones**

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