

CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

1. The Parochial Church Council has agreed the following rules, in line with the Churchyard Regulations issued by the Diocese of Manchester.
2. The Parochial Church Council takes seriously its obligation to be responsible for the good order, environmental well being and safety of the Churchyard and those who maintain it.
3. Small plants and bulbs may be planted in the soil of a grave or place of interment of cremated remains; trees, rose bushes or any bush may not.
4. Wreaths or cut flowers may be laid directly on a grave or place of interment or placed in authorised sunken containers which preferably should be made of unpolished aluminum.
5. Water bottles must not be left behind headstones and glass jars plastic flower containers, ceramic or any other form of pot is not permitted on any grave or place of interment.
6. Fresh flowers should be removed from their cellophane or other wrapping.
7. *“Artificial flowers are not allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies [on graves of those who served in the Armed Forces] and traditional Christmas wreaths but these should be removed after no more than 2 months.”*
8. *“The Incumbent, Churchwardens or whoever is authorised by the PCC to look after the churchyard is permitted indeed encouraged, to remove unsightly flowers and any self-seeded saplings from any grave and any items not permitted if they consider that they are not maintained to an acceptable and tidy condition.”*
10. No soft toys, photographs, balloons, ornamental wind chimes, windmills, lanterns, candles, or any other items of a sentimental nature made of fibre glass or any other material should be left on a grave, place of interment or in the Gardens of Remembrance.
11. Those so left must be removed within 42 days of the burial or interment.

Thank you for helping us keep the Churchyard tidy and safe.

The Parochial Church Council of Saint Anne, Tottington 2018