

## *The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Petworth*

### **PROCEDURE FOR THE INTERMENT OF ASHES IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN.**

1. The Memorial Garden ashes interment facility is for use by persons resident in the parish, persons whose names are on the electoral role of the parish, persons dying in the parish, and any other person the interment of whose remains the Incumbent consents.
2. The Memorial Garden will be operated under the Diocese of Chichester Churchyard Regulations and the Burial Act 1853, as appropriate.
3. Those wishing to use the facility should get in touch with the Parish Administrator ([stmarypetworth@msn.com](mailto:stmarypetworth@msn.com) ). Any decision on eligibility is to be made by the Incumbent.
4. The appropriate fee, as laid down by the Church of England, will be payable for the interment. The fee at the time of the interment will be available on request.
5. Ashes will be interred in a 1 metre arc outside the planted area. A 30cm x 30cm plot will be made available for each interment. The Incumbent will make the necessary arrangements for the site necessary for the interment.
6. The positioning of plots will be on a clock-face basis between 6 and 12. This will be indicated by pegs in the planted border.
7. Ashes must be placed directly in a hole, or in a bio-degradable cardboard box.
8. Arrangements for the actual interment should be agreed in advance with the Incumbent.
9. Ashes may not be scattered on the Memorial Garden.
10. No plaques or other recognition of the interment is permitted in the Memorial Garden.
11. Flowers may be left on the site of the interment in the Memorial Garden, at the time of the Interment and on suitable anniversaries. The flowers may only be there for a period of 7 days and must not include cellophane or plastic.
12. The Parish Administrator will maintain a record of the interments, which will be kept in the Parish Office and will be available online at [www.stmaryspetworth.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspetworth.org.uk)

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