

## GUIDANCE ON BURIALS

### Memorials

Any memorial introduced into the churchyard must be permitted by the Chancellor or, in certain cases, the Vicar. No memorial should be ordered or purchased until permission has been granted. You should be aware that there are detailed provisions as to the size, materials, position, appearance and inscriptions on memorials; speak to the Vicar if in doubt.

### Burial of cremated remains / Garden of Remembrance

As well as space for burials, we also have a Garden of Remembrance where cremated remains can be buried after a cremation. We have a Book of Remembrance inside the church in which the names of those buried in the Garden are inscribed. The burial of cremated remains can take place at any mutually convenient time.



### Alternatives

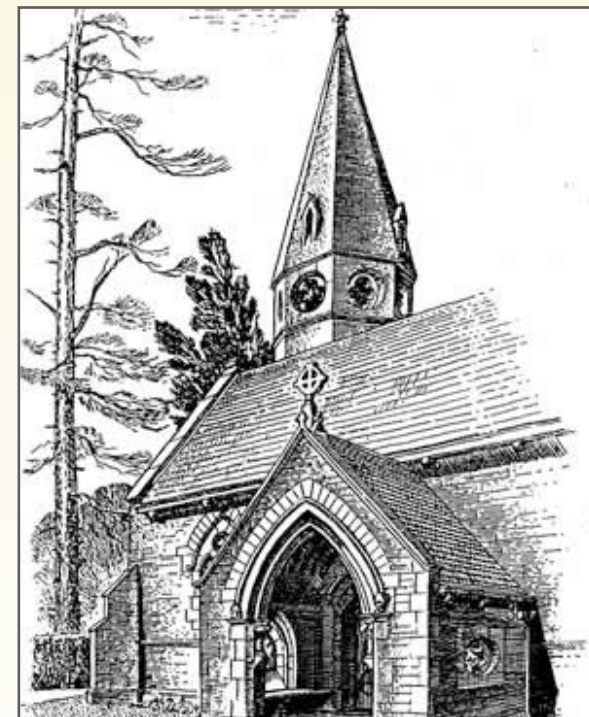
While some people value the Churchyard Regulations as preserving the special character, peace and dignity of a churchyard, others may find them too restrictive. If you feel that you cannot in honesty abide by them, you may need to consider a burial in the local authority cemetery. For more information see <http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/bereavement-services/cemeteries/>

### A prayer

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for all those whom we love  
but see no longer.  
As we remember (name) in this place,  
Hold before us our beginning and our  
ending,  
The dust from which we come,  
And the death to which we move,  
With a firm hope in your eternal love and  
purposes for us,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen



## ST MARY'S CHURCH ALLITHWAITE



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## Introduction

At this sad and difficult time, we hope that this leaflet will answer some of your questions. We are grateful to be involved and hope that all we do will help you to celebrate the life of the person who has died, will allow you to express your sadness and loss and will encourage you in the hope of the resurrection.

Churchyards are a valuable heritage and as they are consecrated they fall under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, exercised through the Chancellor of the Diocese who is the ecclesiastical Judge in the Diocese and ultimately responsible for decisions affecting churchyards.

The Chancellor has issued Churchyard Regulations which can be seen at the Diocesan website [<http://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/our-diocese/buildings-and-property/churchyards.html>] to ensure that churchyards are kept in decent order so as to show respect for those who have died and so far as is possible to comfort those whose loved ones are buried there.

This short document attempts to assist in the understanding of such Regulations.

## Who can be buried here?

Parishioners [including all those on the Church Electoral Roll] and others who die in the parish, have a legal right of burial in the churchyard if there is still space available and if the churchyard has not been closed by Order in Council. Permission for others to be buried may be granted by the Vicar in line with general guidance given by the Parochial Church Council.

There is no right to burial in any particular part of the churchyard and the Vicar is responsible for deciding where in the churchyard burials will take place.

Whenever a deceased person is buried [or their cremated remains interred] in consecrated ground, it is assumed that the place of burial is intended to be the final resting place of that person.



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