



Churchyard Regulations

St Mary's Charlton Kings is an ancient site of historic importance set in a conservation area. The Church and several monuments are listed property and no repairs or alterations can be made to the site without the appropriate planning permission and the issuing of a Faculty by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester.

The following regulations are designed to make the care and maintenance of the churchyard easy and safe.

- The churchyard is closed for new burials. Burials in existing family graves may be allowed if space permits. Cremated remains may be buried in the Garden of Remembrance or in an existing family grave.
- It is important to note that there is no automatic right to erect a memorial in a churchyard. Permission must be sought from the Vicar who has discretion to grant approval in most circumstances providing certain conditions are met.
- Requests for repairs, alterations or additions to memorials must be made in writing to the Vicar. These are usually submitted by the stonemason working on behalf of the family.
- Wreaths and fresh flowers may be placed on any grave but should be removed as soon as they have withered. Artificial flowers are not permitted except Remembrance-tide poppies and Christmas wreaths. These should be removed after a reasonable time.
- Glass containers are not permitted in the churchyard and the area around graves and cremation tablets should be kept clear in order that the area may be mowed easily.
- The use of chippings, stones, portraits, photographs and other items is not permitted.
- Trees and shrubs should not be planted without the prior and written consent of the Parochial Church Council.
- The Parochial Church Council reserves the right to remove memorials or items that are in breach of these regulations.