St Peter's Over Wallop Local Declaration

I have read the Winchester Diocesan Churchyard Memorial Regulations

Schedule-1-CHURCHYARD-REGULATIONS.pdf

I have read the Portway and Danebury Benefice leaflet giving local advice relating to memorials in St Peter's Church.

I have read the regulations relating to items permissible on the graves.

I am aware that unsightly or inappropriate items may be removed by church workers or gardeners.

I agree to inform any visitors I am aware of about the Diocesan Regulations.

Signature…….

Name..……
in capitals

Name on memorial……....
in capitals

Date……

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GENERAL ADVICE ON CHURCHYARD MEMORIALS

The choosing of a memorial suitable to the memory of someone you love is a highly personal issue. We know that you will take great care to make sure that the wording and design is appropriate to their memory. Remember that what you choose will stand for many generations. Please take your time over this and do not rush to a decision.

While these are general guidelines it is **essential** you consult the Clergy before placing an order for a memorial, to avoid any difficulties at a later stage. Memorial masons will show you many possibilities but there are quite close restrictions on what is allowed in churchyards, compared with what is permitted in Local Authority Cemeteries.

The parish churchyards of the Portway and Danebury Benefice (Over Wallop, Nether Wallop, Amport, Monxton, Grateley and Quarley) all come under the rules and regulations of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Winchester. Therefore, any proposed memorial must comply with the current regulations in force. The Clergy can offer general advice and guidance on any local requirements but the final and legal authority rests with the Chancellor.

Over time regulations have changed. *Please* ***do not assume that the features or materials of existing memorials you can see in the churchyards, even that of relatives of the deceased, will necessarily be permitted now.***

We hope that this leaflet will help you choose a stone that is both a fitting and dignified memorial to the person you love and will be harmonious with the beautiful and historical setting of the churchyard involved. We would be pleased to talk with you about your wishes before you make a final choice with the stonemason so that the process of placing the memorial can run smoothly.

Specific Directions by the Chancellor

Memorials
All dimensions, shapes, wording etc must be in accordance with Diocese of Winchester's Regulations found here or via the QR code below
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The materials used must be sandstone, limestone or granite and coloured in sympathy with the rest of the memorials in the churchyard. *All* stone must have a totally matt finish.
Memorials may be mounted directly into the ground, or on a plinth. The plinth may include a vase base, but no other tin, plastic or glass containers may be used which might present a health risk for visitors or workers in the churchyard.

Lettering and wording
This should be fitting for a church burial ground.

The area of the grave
The area around the memorial should be left as a plain grassed area for simplicity of maintenance by those caring for the churchyard. Planting of early spring bulbs such as snowdrops, or common wildflowers like primroses are welcomed but no ornamental trees, shrubs or plants.

Flowers
Fresh, silk or artificial silk flowers are now permitted; they will be removed if they become damaged or unsightly. No plastic flowers are allowed.

The following are not allowed on the graves under any circumstances:

- Photographs or ceramic portraits.
- Kerbs made of wood, metal, stone, plastic or any other material.
- Railings, chains, gravel, marble chippings or glass shards.
- Objects made of stone, concrete, metal, plaster or plastic such as model people, angels, animals or toys, windmills or butterflies.
- Lights, lanterns or anything designed to make a sound.
- Artificial grass or turf

Cremated Remains Tablets

Materials:
Only the same materials may be used as are permitted in the Chancellors regulations. The Chancellors regulations also apply to the lettering of memorial tablets..

Size and position
Memorial tablets should be placed horizontally in the ground and should ideally be a simple flat tablet no larger than 40 cm or 16 inches square. This should be level with the surrounding grassed area.

Other directions
The same directions concerning flowers, images and symbols, wording, ornaments, and plantings apply to memorial tablets for cremated remains, as apply in the rest of the graveyard.

If you would like more assistance
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