



The policy for the burial of ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

To qualify to have their ashes interred in the Garden of Remembrance the deceased must be either:

- Resident in the Parish of Wimbledon at the time of death
- On the electoral roll of St Mary's Church
- Neither of the above but a recent recognised regular worshipper at St. Mary's church

The families of those with a long-standing connection with St. Mary's but having latterly moved away may appeal to the Rector and Church Wardens for permission to have their ashes buried in the churchyard. Such a person should normally have been on the Electoral Roll of St Mary's in the past.

Ashes are interred underground, loose, in the Garden of Remembrance or on or near an existing grave. Ashes may not be scattered in the Churchyard or field.

The place where the ashes are interred cannot be permanently marked.

Ashes cannot be interred in a casket or other vessel in St Mary's Churchyard.

The interment of ashes is usually preceded by a short service either in church or at the graveside.

Plaques and the Memorial Wall in St Mary's Churchyard

Plots and spaces for plaques cannot be reserved in advance of someone's death.

Plaques on the memorial wall will only be for those whose ashes are buried in St Mary's Church Yard, but other family members can be mentioned on them.

Plaques can only be installed by our approved supplier to the agreed specifications.

Agreed by St Mary's DCC 10th May 2023