



Helping us to look after your Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance

St Mary's Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance are places of spiritual peace where everyone is welcomed to spend precious time and moments with loved ones.

To ensure that we can protect and preserve these special sites then we do ask everyone to observe the regulations published by the Diocese of Carlisle on their [Diocese website](#).

In particular there are certain items that are **not permitted** in the Churchyard and in the Garden of Remembrance, including:

- Kerbing, railings, fencing or chippings.
- Memorials in the shape of a vase, urn, heart, book or statue.
- Memorials incorporating photographs, portraits or etched images.
- Mementos, windmills, toys or animals.
- Anything affixed to or hung upon any monument, including insignia, crosses, images, models, paintings or photographs.
- Artificial flowers (except for traditional Christmas wreaths that should be removed by the end of February or Remembrance Day poppies for those who served in the armed forces).
- Any kind of lighting.
- Trees or bushes may not be planted in the ground.

The use of natural flowers is encouraged in the Churchyard and in the Garden of Remembrance (where containers are provided by the PCC).

We value everyone's help and support in maintaining the appearance of the Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance. Please help us keep these special places tidy through removing dead flowers and any litter you may see.

Whilst we do not want to cause unwelcome distress, **from Thursday 6th January 2022** those items that are not permitted will be removed and stored for a time in church. They can be retrieved by contacting the Churchwardens.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (September 2021)