

ST SWITHUN'S CHURCHYARD, HEMPSTED

Diocese of Gloucester

Diocesan Regulations pertaining to the burial, interment of cremated remains and the placing of memorial and gravestones in the churchyard aim to help all those who are bereaved to know what is permissible in St Swithun's churchyard. Compliance with the Regulations is important in helping to avoid unnecessary upset and costs.

The Regulations may be read [here](#).

A hard copy of the Regulations can be sent on request from the parish office admin@swithunandmary.org.uk

Please note that no memorial or gravestone may be placed in the churchyard without the written permission of the Rector, Canon Nikki Arthy who can be contacted on 01452 523808. The type of stone and lettering permissible is laid out in the Regulations.

Please note the following:

- The introduction of stone chippings or kerbing cannot be permitted.
- Flowers may only be placed in a removable container. Wreaths and cut flowers may be placed in the containers or laid on a grave but removed when they have withered or died. Artificial flowers are not permitted except for Remembrance Day poppies and Christmas wreaths. These should be removed after two months.
- Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in the soil of any grave (but not in a container). No trees or shrubs may be planted without the consent of the PCC and Archdeacon.
- One toy or tribute may be placed on the grave of a child for up to six months.
- No ornaments or additions may be placed on graves except for flowers or wreaths.

Thank you for your compliance with the Regulations which allow everyone to enjoy this special place.