

## CHURCHYARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2007 -REVISED 2017

A consecrated burial ground of a Church of the Church of England is subject to legal control, of which adherence to various Churchyard regulations is a key part. To this end, may we respectfully clarify a number of regulations regarding the treatment of grave spaces and their maintenance at St James'.

If you have any queries relating to these regulations please contact the Church Wardens.

1. Fresh flowers and good quality silk flowers may be placed on graves. Spring and autumn bulbs may be planted in the soil adjacent to the headstone, but not trees, shrubs or other plants. Plastic flowers are not permitted.
2. The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility for maintaining the Churchyard. Grass cutting and weeding is done on a regular basis by a community pay-back team and volunteers. It is much easier to mow the Churchyard if flowers and containers are placed below the headstone and the rest of the grave allowed to grass over.
3. Please remove wreaths and cut flowers when they have withered- we will remove any withered flowers which have not been removed. Wreaths will be removed by the end of January.
4. No fencing, kerbs, edging or other artificial closure of any kind is allowed.
5. Glass, ceramic and plastic containers are not permitted.
6. Please note this is a Christian Churchyard and that the graves are to be treated as memorials and not shrines: **no pictures, photographs, sentimental or personal items are to be placed on graves.**

Full details of the Diocese of Chester Churchyard regulations can be found at [chester.www.anglican.org](http://chester.www.anglican.org)

The PCC of St James' Church.