

ALL HALLOWS, WOOLBEDING

BURIAL POLICY

Background

The Graveyard is open and should remain so for several years. In past years we have received requests to bury people who do not have a connection with the parish church, and we wish to retain the graveyard for the burial of people who have held a significant relationship with the parish church in life.

It is recognised that the legal responsibility and final decision for burial approval sits with the incumbent of the parish. It is also recognised that the responsibility for and approval process for the introduction of memorial stones or other grave markers sits with the Chancellor for the Diocese of Chichester, whose directions in the introduction of any marker must be followed.

At the time of writing this policy, these general directions are covered in the Graveyard Regulations (2020) document which should be read in conjunction with this parish policy.

Right of burial

- Anyone who resides within the boundaries of the Parish of Woolbeding at the time of death.
- Anyone who does not reside within the boundaries of the Parish of Woolbeding at the time of death but regularly worships at All Hallows, Woolbeding (regularly to be considered as a minimum of 4 times per annum.)
- Anyone who is entered on the parish Electoral Roll.
- Anyone who has a connection with Woolbeding by dint of Family. This will usually be someone who has a close relative already buried there. Close relative to be defined as Father, Mother, Sister, Brother. Favourable consideration beyond this would be if the existing grave was to be used.

Burial of ashes

As above but in view of the considerably smaller space taken and therefore lower maintenance there may be room for some leeway. For example, a regular member of Midhurst Church who occasionally attended All Hallows.

Monuments

Any monuments, marker stones, memorial plaques or similar are to be installed in line with the Diocesan Chancellor's Graveyard Regulations in force at the time of application or otherwise approved by faculty.

To maintain the consistency of marker stones at All Hallows, the PCC have elected to restrict the maximum height of grave marker stones to 2'6", a restriction from the Graveyard Regulations' maximum height of 4' as at the time of the approval of this policy.

Parochial Parish Council (DATE)