



St Michael the Archangel, Smarden

The Rectory,
36 High Street,
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TN27 8AH.

CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

Individuals who have died may their ashes interred in Smarden Churchyard, but families need to be aware that there are strict regulations regarding the appearance and type of tablet used to mark the interment. For full guidance see the Churchyard Regulations which were revised in 2015 by the Commissary General for the Diocese of Canterbury, who has responsibility for all churchyards.

The regulations set out to explain that there is a need for a careful balance between the special nature of the Churchyard; of its importance to the whole community, and the individual aspirations of families and friends of those whose earthly remains are to be interred in the Churchyard.

Families making applications for a burial of ashes need to be aware that it is not permitted to keep vases, plant flowers or place other ornaments on or around the Ashes plot. The PCC will have to take action if any of these regulations are not observed.

I have read and understand the conditions under which a burial at St Michael the Archangel's Churchyard can take place. I have been supplied a copy of the Churchyard Regulations 2015 issued by the Commissary General to the Diocese of Canterbury.

Signed.....

Name and address.....

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Memorial in respect of (deceased)

Date.....