

All Saints Biddenden

Policies

Reservation of grave spaces

The PCC considered the issue of reservation of grave space in All Saints Churchyard on 10th January 2017, and have considered the issue on 6th November 2018, and 8th September 2020.

The PCC do not offer reservation of grave space for the following reasons:

1. Space constraints. Even with the enlarged area in which we have been recently granted permission to bury, space remains limited.
2. Danger of setting a precedent. Concern that there could be a unseeingly scramble to reserve space.
3. Reservation would be immensely complex to administer. Coupled with serious consequences should mistakes be made.
4. It is difficult to set a time limit on any reservation. Individual people's plans can change, and there is never any guarantee that a burial actually will take place.

It is the policy of Biddenden PCC to offer space burial space next in line within the current row. This does not apply for the 2nd burial in double depth graves. Burials in other locations, will be considered in exceptional pastoral circumstances, subject to available space, and subject to PCC approval.

All Saints Biddenden PCC
17th January 2017

Revised 6th November 2018.
Revised 8th September 2020.