



St Michael the Archangel, Smarden

The Rectory,
36 High Street,
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TN27 8AH.

CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

Ashes of individuals may be 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 latest Churchyard Regulations issued by the Commissary General for the Diocese of Canterbury, who has responsibility for all churchyards. A copy of these regulations can be found by visiting www.canterburydiocese.org/parishsupport/church-buildings/churchyards/ and clicking on the relevant link or a paper copy can be requested.

The regulations set out to explain that there is a need for a careful balance between the special nature of the Churchyard, 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 plant flowers nor to place vases, , artificial flowers or other ornaments on or around the Ashes plot. The PCC reserves the right to take appropriate action if any of these requirements are not observed.

I have read and understand the conditions under which a burial can take place in the Churchyard at St Michael the Archangel, Smarden. I have been supplied [with a link to / a copy of]* the latest Churchyard Regulations issued by the Commissary General to the Diocese of Canterbury.

**delete as appropriate*

Signed.....

Name and address.....

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Memorial in respect of (deceased)

Date.....