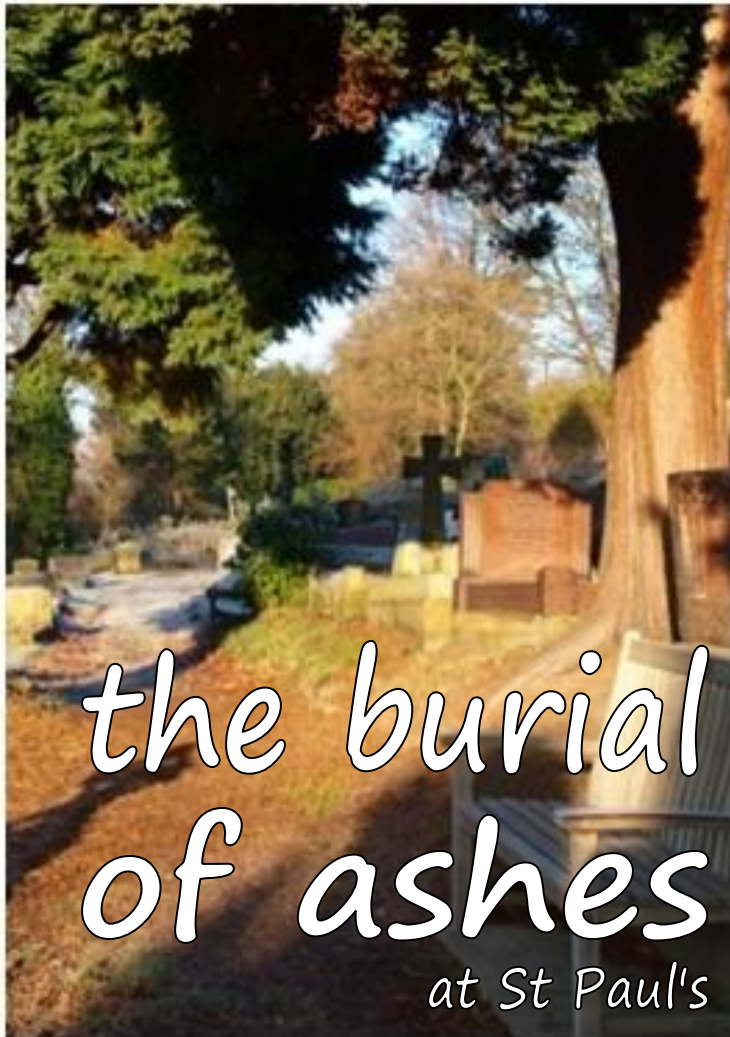


St Paul's
Little
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*the burial
of ashes*

at St Paul's

Laying to Rest

These days, six out of ten funerals make use of the crematorium. This leaves the question of what is to be done with the ashes. Crematoria have gardens of rest where they can be buried, however, many people prefer to have the ashes of their loved one buried in their local church, or a church where there are special links with the family. The churchyard at St Paul's is now full for new burials, however, we have made provision for the burial of ashes.

What happens when ashes are buried?

When the burial takes place, usually a few weeks after the funeral, a further very brief service (in the Churchyard) can be held if the family wish it. The church will organise the digging of a small plot.

Who can be buried at St Paul's?

Those who have a legal right to be buried in the churchyard are any person who:

- lived in the parish at the time of their death; or
- died in the parish: or
- was on the church electoral roll of the parish at the time of their death

St Paul's does however reserve the right to permit persons outside of these categories to have their ashes interred in an existing grave or in the Garden of Remembrance but in most cases only in cases where there are strong pastoral grounds.

Can ashes be buried in an existing grave?

The cremated remains may be interred in a grave even if that grave is full for normal burials, providing there is a legal right of burial.

We ask that family's wishing to bury remains in an existing grave make some sort of written proof of a right to burial. The exact position of burial in the grave will be determined by the minister depending on the nature of the existing grave.

What is the Garden of Remembrance?

The churchyard at St Paul's has been full for some time, and in 1998 it was 'closed' to any more burials. At that time the church wanted a space for the burial of cremated remains, and so after considerable effort, permission was granted for such a place in St Paul's churchyard. It enables the remains of those without an existing family grave to be buried or for those who would prefer not to inter in an existing grave. More details regarding the Garden of Remembrance can be obtained from the church office.

Can ashes be scattered?

No. The Derby Diocesan policy is that ashes are to be buried in churchyards.

Can I place a memorial stone on the plot?

If the burial is in an **existing grave**, then a small stone tablet maybe placed on the plot. If there is space on the existing headstone, then an inscription may be added. There are regulations concerning the nature, size and content on monuments of which details can be obtained from the website or church office. A statutory fee will be charged to either add a stone or inscription in the churchyard (see below).

Permission was given for the **Garden of Remembrance** on the condition that plots remain unmarked, and that names are added to a Book of Remembrance that is kept in church. The intention of the

garden is that it is to be an open space of grass, with a peaceful and natural feel.

As in all churchyards, nothing can be added to the churchyard without the written permission of the vicar.

May a burial plot be bought?

No – Consecrated ground may not be purchased or sold.

Is there a fee?

Yes – a fee are paid for permission to bury cremated remains a churchyard (this is a set statutory fee, set each year by the Church of England), and an additional fee for the digging of the plot. There will also be an additional fee in the case of burial in existing graves where an approved memorial stone is added or inscription added to an existing headstone. Please note that the fee is not a purchase price for the burial or interment plot and the family of the deceased do not become owners of or acquire exclusive rights to the plot.

Where can I get more information?

Please contact either the minister or the church office, who will be happy to discuss further and questions you might have, and give the current fees charged. Additionally, more information is on our church website, such as the regulations regarding the churchyard and the erection of monuments.

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