

# CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS 2013

How to obtain a faculty for a memorial in  
a churchyard  
2015

The right of a parishioner in a churchyard (not closed by Order in Council) is confined to that of interment. The erection of a memorial over a grave remains a privilege, and strictly speaking, no memorial may be erected in a churchyard without the authority of the Chancellor of the Diocese in the form of a faculty.

In practice the Chancellor has delegated this authority:

- i) to the parish priest, who may normally grant permission for the erection of a memorial which conforms to these regulations; and
- ii) to the Archdeacon, who (with the consent of the Parish Priest) with the agreement of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, may permit an **individually designed and hand-crafted monument which is of artistic merit** but which does not conform to these regulations. This power is given to encourage variety and the improvement of aesthetic standards. Applications of this type should be submitted to the Church Buildings office.

Memorials which do not conform to these regulations, or cannot be permitted by the Archdeacon under his or her delegated power, must be specifically authorised by faculty.



