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Cremated Remains Plaques: All plaques are to be in medium grey granite with a non-reflective finish, 18" x 12" x 2" and portrait orientation.

Inscriptions: Inscriptions must be simple, reverent and Christian; they may include appropriate quotations from the Bible or literary sources.

The inscription should include a full Christian name and surname with age and date of death or date of birth and death, using notation such as 1 January 1992. Terms of endearment and all wording need approval by the Rector. Lettering may be white, gold or silver.

Designs: An integral flower or plant receptacle can be incorporated within a plaque or headstone plinth.

Upkeep: Flowers & plants must either be fresh or silk (no plastic) and must be placed within the integral area designed for them within the plinth or plaque. The only freestanding container allowed is a plant trough placed on the plinth, which does not exceed the size of the plinth or overhang it.

Temporary seasonal wreaths are allowed for a period of 6 weeks (Christmas, Easter, Remembrance).

Not Permitted: Kerbs, railings, chippings or stones of any type, statues, open books, bird baths, ornaments, toys, freestanding vases, photographs, lights, candles



Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live, even though he dies.

John 11:25

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When someone you love has died

When someone you love has died, it is a time of sadness and pain.

The Church is here to help you through your bereavement. Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers.

There is a lot to think about as you adjust to your loss and it can be a bewildering time.

This leaflet is intended to help answer some of the questions you might have about the commemoration of the person who has died.



Can my family member be buried in the churchyard of St Michael's?

Our church has a churchyard that is open for burials and the interment of ashes.

If your loved one was living in the parish, is on the church electoral roll or has died in the Parish, he or she has the right to be buried there, or to have their ashes interred.

I want to put up a headstone

What do I need to know?

Most people like to have a headstone or monument or plaque depending on whether the person who has died has been buried or cremated.

You will want to think carefully about this, because once in place, a memorial stone will be there for a very long time.

All memorials have to be approved first by the Rector who has to abide by the Churchyard regulations for the Diocese of Blackburn.

The regulations cover questions such as size, materials, designs and inscriptions.

Why these regulations?

Churchyard regulations are there to help make sure that the churchyard is a place of peace and beauty for everyone to enjoy. The Churchyard Regulations for the Diocese of Blackburn can be found at www.blackburn.anglican.org/churchyardregulations.

This leaflet sets out those guidelines that apply specifically to St Michael's churchyard, taking into account that all memorials have to fit in with the church building and the existing monuments.

What do I need to think about?

The minimum time between the burial and putting up a memorial is six months as the ground needs time to settle.

The recommended time between the interment of ashes and the placing of a plaque is approximately three months.

Before you get too far with your plans, please talk first to the Rector (Parish Priest) to avoid difficulties and disappointment later in the process.

Your second step is to approach a stonemason to choose your memorial and provide him or her with the details of the inscription. Local stonemasons are familiar with our churchyard

regulations. The stonemason will then submit the written application to the Rector for approval.

Once approval has been given, the stonemason will then construct and erect the memorial.

In less straightforward cases, the Rector is your first point of contact and then if necessary, you will need to apply to the Chancellor of the Diocese for permission (this is known as a 'Faculty'), for which there is a fee.

A summary of the guidelines to assist you

We have a green churchyard.

Graves are grassed over with a simple headstone (optional) and therefore need to be kept free of any extra objects to facilitate mowing.

Headstone Materials: Medium or dark grey granite or grey slate, with a non-reflective honed/eggshell finish. *

Headstone Sizes: We recommend a choice of two sizes to compliment other headstones already in place:

Size 1 27" x 21" + 3" base/plinth

Size 2 30" x 24" + 4" base/plinth *

* all applications within the regulations will be given consideration.

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