

DIOCESE OF LINCOLN
CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS – 2008

HEADSTONES AND OTHER MONUMENTS

All applications for a monument should be made to the Incumbent or Priest in Charge on the form CRI (obtainable from the Incumbent) before the stone has been ordered or supplied and the form should also be signed by the Stone Mason concerned. Consultation with the Incumbent before a stone is chosen will help to avoid distress and disappointment if it transpires that the Incumbent cannot or declines to approve the proposed form of monument. Where such permission is not forthcoming, application can be made to the Chancellor for a Faculty; each application being considered on its merits. A Form of Petition may be obtained from the Diocesan Registrar at Lincoln Diocesan Registry, 5 & 6 Bank Street, Lincoln LN2 1DZ who will be pleased to give advice as to the procedure to be followed.

The Incumbent may authorise the following:

Headstone - between 2'6" (750mm) and 4'0" (1200mm) high
between 1'8" (500mm) and 3'0" (900mm) wide
between 3" (75mm) and 6" (150mm thick)

Vases - measuring not more than 12" (300mm) x 8" (200mm) x 8"

Commemoration after cremation

Unless a Faculty has been approved commemoration tablets must:

- Be of uniform size
- Must not exceed 12" x 9"

Monuments should be made of natural stone (with no reflecting finish), teak, oak or cast or wrought iron. Traditional stones are normally used. Those recommended are sandstones and limestones like Forest of Dean, Hornton Blue, Ketton, Nabresina, Portland, York and Northumberland stones and Welsh Black and Westmoreland Green Slates. Neither black nor dark grey granite (including Rustenburg) are permitted, nor marble, synthetic stone or plastics. Although the stone may not be polished nor finished in any way to give the effect of polished stone, the surface may be suitably prepared for inscription.

Inscriptions should be simple giving just the names of the deceased, the dates of birth and, if desired, an appropriate epitaph. Epitaphs must be simple, reverent and preferably of biblical, Prayer Book or Common Worship origin.

No monument should be ordered or work undertaken unless written permission has been given by the Incumbent or Faculty has been granted by the Chancellor as the case may be.

GENERAL

No artificial flowers may be placed in a churchyard except Remembrance Day poppies, traditional Christmas wreaths and good quality silk flowers and these shall be removed within 3 months. The PCC has authority to remove any artificial flowers which do not comply.

The surface of the churchyard should be kept level and where a grave mound has not been levelled within 12 months of the burial, the PCC may give instructions for that to be done.

TABLE OF CHURCHYARD FEES
1ST JANUARY 2010 - 31ST DECEMBER 2010

HEADSTONE	£157.00
TABLET	£81.00
VASE	£81.00
ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION	£36.00