

Pre-paid Grave Fees

You may be aware that the parish is currently running a scheme for parishioners and, in some limited circumstances non-parishioners, to pre-pay the fee for a grave plot in our parish churchyard. The scheme secures a plot for two people at the current rate of payment and avoids any unnecessary stress following a death. This type of scheme is available in many parishes and, although it does not indicate a specific grave plot, it affords the family peace of mind in knowing that the grave fee has been paid prior to other funeral expenses occurred at the time of death.

Following death, the next available grave plot is allocated, Accurate parish records are kept of the payment alongside the personal details of those involved. An official parish receipt and certificate of entitlement is given to the purchaser.

The cost of the grave would be charged in accordance with the parish charging policy at the time of purchase, currently £1000, for regular worshipers and £5,000 for non-parishioners. The fee for the interment of ashes is currently £275 and £400 for non-parishioners. A full list of graveyard charges is posted at the back of church and on the parish website.

With this in mind, and at a time when our parish is struggling to raise significant funding to maintain the building, it may be mutually beneficially for you to seriously consider pre-paying for a grave plot before prices are increased.

If you feel that the scheme would be of interest to you, please email, Mike Bryan at swallow1234@icloud.com or contact any member of the Pastoral Parish Council for more information.

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