

2026`

## SAINT FRANCIS HILL CHAPEL GOOSNARGH. GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS.

1. Nothing is to be erected, placed or planted (ie. trees or shrubs) in the graveyard, without the consent of the Priest in Charge, other than approved headstones.
2. The following are not permitted on grave plots:
  - a. Kerbs, railings, chippings, open books and monuments.
  - b. Memorial headstones in unusual shapes size and/or colour.
3. **Any proposed memorial must harmonise with the natural landscape of the graveyard. Memorial headstones must not be higher than 34 inches and not lower than 30 inches. Headstones should measure between 20 and 24 inches wide.**
4. The Priest in Charge must be consulted about any portraiture, inscriptions, photographs or pictorial etchings proposed for headstones.
5. Containers for flowers should be appropriate and restricted to the non-grassed areas in front of the headstones.
6. No dogs shall be allowed in the church grounds, except for those passing directly on the public footpath under the control of the owner.
7. These regulations are to allow maintenance of the graveyard, and to retain an appropriate degree of dignity and harmony.
8. **The decision of the Priest in Charge regarding any aspect of the graveyard, and its use, is final.**
9. The Parish Pastoral Council will review these Regulations in January each year.

**By Order of the Priest in Charge.**

Reviewed 2 January 2020

Remained unchanged but four charges for burials and interment of ashes were increased.

Reviewed 27 June 2021

No changes made.

Reviewed 1 February 2022

No changes made.

Reviewed 21 March 2023

No changes made.

Reviewed 20 February 2024

No changes made

“Memorial headstones must not be higher than existing headstones,” was added to the Regulations.

Reviewed 2 February 2025

The charge for Additional Inscriptions on headstones for burials and interment of ashes was raised from £40 to £75. 21 January 2026

## **PURCHASE OF GRAVEYARD BURIAL or ASHES PLOTS**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. These Criteria are intended to complement the existing Graveyard Maintenance Regulations and should be read in conjunction with them.
2. Definitions:
  - a. “Regular worshipper” – Those attending St Francis Hill Chapel Church at least once per month and who are actively involved in Parish life. This includes all those regular worshippers who, due to infirmity, are now housebound.
  - b. “Parishioner”-Those resident within the accepted Parish boundaries.
  - c. “Non-parishioner” - Those who do not reside within the accepted Parish boundaries.
3. The personal representatives of any deceased regular worshipper or parishioner have the right to request either burial or interment of ashes in the graveyard. They may purchase a right of burial or interment of ashes in a plot designated by the priest in charge at the appropriate fee and subject to availability. Priority will be given to regular worshippers then parishioners and finally to non-parishioners.
4. Those acting for non-parishioners who were not regular worshippers do not have the right to request burial or the interment of ashes.
5. The interment of ashes of non-parishioners will be considered at the discretion of the Priest in Charge after consulting the Parish Pastoral Council.
6. Payment of a fee purchases only the right to be buried or to have ashes interred in that particular plot and does not infer ownership of the plot.
7. The right to be buried in burial plots or interred in ashes plots may only be purchased upon the death of the proposed user.
8. The decision of the Priest in Charge will be final in the application of these criteria.
9. The current fee tariff is displayed with other notices in the Church.
10. The Parish Pastoral Council with the Priest in Charge will review these Regulations and prices in January each year.

By Order of:

Fr. Sony

Parish Priest  
January 21st 2026

**St Francis Hill Chapel**  
**Graveyard Charges (2026)**

Description	Price
<b>Burials</b>	
To Purchase right to be buried (parishioner/ non parishioner*) Normally for up to two burials	£5000.00
For those who are regular worshippers	£1000
Further interment(s)	£250
Erection of Headstone	£80
Additional Inscriptions	£75
<b>Interment of ashes (with initial inscription):</b>	
Regular Worshippers and Members of Parish Community	£275
Non-members of Parish Community	£400
Additional inscriptions	£75
Interment of casket of ashes into a family grave	£50

\*Graves will not be granted normally to non-parishioners, in order to preserve the space for parishioners.

The above prices are for granting by St Francis Church of the right of burial or interment and/or for a permit to carry out the work as above. The digging or opening of the grave, or the stonemason's work is a separate charge.

Prices as set in the Parish Pastoral Council of the 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2026 and approved by the Priest in Charge for effect 1<sup>st</sup> April. They will remain in effect until reviewed in or about January 2027.