



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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**The Garden of Remembrance
& Book of Memory**

The Garden of Remembrance has been established at St. John's in witness to our faith in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assurance that we share in his resurrection to eternal life.

Usually a funeral service is held and the cremation follows. The ashes are returned to the church and a brief service of interment is held at a later time with, or without, family members present, as desired. Where it is decided to have a Memorial Service rather than a funeral, the ashes can be interred as part of that service or at a later date. Accordingly, the Vestry of St. John's has set aside the Garden of Remembrance for this purpose and the ashes are deposited under individual tiles in the Garden. The Garden is available for those of all Christian denominations.

Memorials

It is usual for details of the deceased to be recorded in a Book of Memory which is kept in the Church. The details may be brief, recording only the name and the date of birth and death, or more comprehensive, recording the names of family members and other information and an appropriate text from the Bible.

On the anniversary of death, flowers may be placed in the Church near the Book of Memory. You are welcome to do this at any time and the church is open seven days a week.

Other memorials may be permissible and you should seek the Vicar's advice about the style of memory accepted in this parish. However, it is not possible for a memorial to indicate the specific place of interment.

The Service of Interment

Ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance by pouring into the ground. The interment service includes the words, *earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust*, in reference to Genesis 2:7, “The Lord God formed humans from the dust of the ground, and breathed into their nostrils the breath of life; and the person became a living being.” This is a distinctly Christian practice of burial and is done so reverentially and with dignity. The person’s ashes thus become one again with the earth. For this reason the ashes cannot be recovered if, for instance, the family moves away from the parish.

Making Arrangements

To make arrangements for ashes to be interred, please contact St. John’s on 98261765 or at enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org

Information Required for Interment of Ashes

Contact Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone:.....

Email:.....

Relationship to the deceased:.....

In making this request for interment of ashes, it is understood you accept the conditions as set out on page two.

Information required for The Book of Memory

Surname:.....

Christian Names:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Date of Death:.....

When you (and your family) have decided what you would like to appear in the entry, it would help us if this could be typed and emailed to the Parish Office. We will then have this prepared in a suitable way for inclusion in the Book of Memory. The entry will be sent to you for approval before it is displayed.

Fees

A proportion of these fees will be used to maintain the Garden, surrounding areas and the Memorial Book. For the Interment of Ashes, \$300, and for an entry in the Book of Memory, \$300. In the case of financial hardship, or at the Vicar's discretion, these fees will be waived.