



## Parish of St Saviour

# CHURCH YARD - CEMETERY REGULATIONS

### Introduction & Constitution of the Church Regulations – Churchyard Cemetery

These regulations, including any subsequent amendments, apply to the cemetery located within the Parish of St. Saviour's churchyard and cemetery, which is managed by the Rector on behalf of the Parish of St Saviour. All burial permits and rights issued after the announcement of these regulations will be subject to these regulations, and any future amendments made to them.

### Constitution

The Parochial Committee (Comite Paroissial) comprising the Rector, Constable, Church-wardens, Officers Procueurs du Bien Public and Centeniers, is authorised to dispose of Burial Plots or Half-Plots, to grant Permits and to keep records thereof in special Books under the control and custody of the Rector and Churchwardens. Three members of the Committee may form a Quorum at a meeting provided that either the Rector or the Constable is present.

Such records will be in safe-keeping at the Parish Hall and, where applicable, with the Rector in charge of the Cemeteries.

At a Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held in the Parish Hall on the 17th of May 1990, it was agreed that the following Regulations, recommended by the Parochial Committee, be adopted and that the Parochial Committee be empowered to revise the charges as and when necessary.

At a Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held in the Parish Hall in May 2019, it was agreed that the burial charges are to be reviewed in line with the Jersey Retail Price Index (JRPI) on a Annual basis and that the Parochial Committee be empowered to revise the charges as and when necessary, giving one month’s written notice to the funeral directors and monumental masons.

### Cemetery Rules

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| <b>1.</b> | The following Categories of persons are deemed to be Parishioners, within the meaning of these Regulations, and permitted to purchase a burial plot or half-plot in perpetuity: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Persons whose permanent residence is in the Parish at the time of their death;</li> <li>2. Persons who have contributed to Rates in the Parish of St. Saviour for at least 10 consecutive years;</li> <li>3. Persons who have served for a period of not less than six years in the Civil or Ecclesiastical Administration of the Parish or as Members of the St. Saviour Honorary Police.</li> <li>4. Where a parishioner has purchased burial rights and a burial has taken place, a non-parishioner relative of the proprietor may be buried. Non-parishioner rates may apply at the absolute discretion of the Constable or the duly delegated representative.</li> </ol> |
| <b>2.</b> | No charges are to be applied for baby/ children up sixteen years after birth burials & monuments /memorials.  |
| <b>3.</b> | Permission for the purchase of a burial plot or half-plot by a Non-Parishioner will only be granted in exceptional circumstances approved by the Rector and Constable.  |
| <b>4.</b> | Whereas the new Cemeteries are divided by access paths sixteen feet apart, tombstones will be placed back to back at eight feet distance from the paths.  |



5.	No burial may take place and no grave will be opened, or memorial erected thereon, without the express permission of the proprietor of a plot. No objection will be raised to the right of burial being given by authorization in writing or by testamentary disposition.
6.	All graves become the property of the principal heir.
7.	Thirty-six hours' notice is necessary for an interment.
8.	No burials will take place on Saturdays and Sundays, except when it is necessary to do so in the interest of public health.
9.	Strict rules apply to exhumations, details of which may be obtained from the Constable or his duly delegated representative.
10.	Coffins must be buried at least two feet in depth, that is, from the lid of the coffin to the surface of the ground.
11.	Permission must be obtained from the Committee before memorials are permanently removed from the Cemeteries, but the Rector and Churchwardens may order the removal of all memorials placed contrary to these Regulations.
12.	Proprietors(family/owner of graves shall be responsible for the upkeep of memorials and, if allowed to get into a neglected condition, the Committee shall have the right to have them removed at the proprietors expense.
13.	A complete cover for a vault, in granite or marble of a colour approved by the Rector, is allowed, but sub-kerbs, cement or stone beds, or bases in grave enclosures are not.
14.	All graves in sections bordering the walls, or the pathways, must be kerbed.
15.	New railings, chains or metal bars around graves are not allowed.
16.	Masons or proprietors of the graves, when doing work in the Cemeteries, must remove all debris on completion of work, which works must include the replacement of kerbs and memorials within 12 months of burial.
17.	It is not permitted to erect any kerb or permanent memorial in wood or concrete. However, temporary wooden crosses are permitted for a period not exceeding 12 months.
18.	Monument Restrictions - All monuments over five feet in height must be fixed on a solid foundation, as directed by the Rector or Churchwardens.
19.	The Rector reserves the right to decide what constitutes an objectionable memorial or inscription, and all inscriptions must first be submitted to him for his sanction as must also; all designs for monuments other than ordinary headstones or kerbs.
20.	The use of border tiles is not allowed.
21.	Artificial flowers, glass domes, and the private planting of trees or shrubs are not allowed.
22.	A special section for the burial of ashes has been established under the North wall of the Clos a Gena. All memorial stones, of a standard design, must be placed vertically against the wall; and this only with the permission of the Rector.
23.	Whereas for the purpose and object of beautifying the amenities of the Cemeteries, trees are planted therein, the Parochial Authorities do not under any circumstances accept responsibility for any damage to tombstones, monuments, kerbs or vases, which may be caused by the fall of trees or branches therefrom, nor for any other damage caused by storm or otherwise, beyond the control of the Parochial Authority.
24.	The Cemetery Maintenance Team shall be responsible for the removal of all old wreaths and dead flowers.
25.	All tools shall be removed from the proximity of graves during funerals.
26.	Cycling is not permitted within any of the Parochial Churchyards.
27.	Dogs must be under control and on the lead when in the churchyard.
28.	Confetti is not permitted in the Cemeteries unless it is biodegradable.
29.	The Cemeteries shall be open daily during the hours of daylight.
30.	There is a 'No Smoking Policy' within the St Saviour's Churchyard, Cemeteries and Church.
31.	Reservations - Reservation or purchase of plots will be <b><u>not accepted in advance.</u></b>



