

# Guidelines for the Churchyards of The Bromleys



*St George the Martyr, Great Bromley*



*St Mary the Virgin, Little Bromley*

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The Churchyards of "The Bromleys" are very special places for the whole community.

This leaflet is designed to help those who are mourning the death of a loved one and it provides a summary of the parish churchyard rules which have been developed and evolved over the years by your P.C.C. the Diocese and the Chancellor. If you have any questions or queries and would like to talk about them please contact our Priest in charge or the Church Wardens.

### Who may be buried in our churchyards?

A person resident in the parishes, a regular churchgoer at Great Bromley who is on the electoral roll of the parish but not a resident, a person who was a resident but has moved away. In addition ashes may be interred in an existing family grave.

### What is the process of applying for a headstone?

Please talk to your Priest in Charge or Church Wardens who will give you a copy of the Bromleys' Guidelines and the Diocesan Handbook and they will answer any questions and queries you may have. If the design is outside these rules then the applicant may have to apply to the Chancellor of the Diocese. (The Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons also have copies of our guidelines and The Diocesan Handbook and can advise and guide you through the application form).

### Headstones in the Churchyards of the Bromleys.

There are a variety of stones approved in the Handbook however those preferred in "The Bromleys" are the more traditional limestone. The lettering preferred is in a natural state or a low key matt colour such as black. Please discuss any queries with the Priest in Charge or Church Wardens. It is also the responsibility of the family to reduce or remove the existing mound on the grave, please discuss this with the Priest in Charge or Church Wardens who can arrange for this to be undertaken at a small cost, or alternatively your stone mason.

Before any work is carried out at the grave side it is customary to discuss arrangements with the Priest in Charge or Church Wardens.

### Maintenance of Our Churchyards.

It is the responsibility of the Priest in Charge and the P.C.C. (Parochial Church Council) to care for our beautiful Churchyards. We are very grateful that some work is undertaken by volunteers. But for most of the grass cutting it is necessary to employ a specialist grass cutter to keep the churchyards maintained to a high standard. We ask that you do not place glass or items in our churchyards which may endanger the health and safety of our workers and please give consideration to the ease of maintenance in the areas around the graves - where large mowers and strimmer's are used. Donations towards the upkeep of the churchyards are most gratefully received. (If you wish to contribute annually please speak to the Priest in Charge or a Church Warden).

Please come and talk if you have any questions, we are here to help at any time.

Our beautiful churches are open every day if you wish to spend a few quiet moments, perhaps in prayer or light a candle in memory of a loved one you are very welcome to do so.



The Lych Gate at Great Bromley

Contact details for the Priest in Charge and Church Wardens may be found in the porch and on the noticeboards