

*Rules and Regulations for All Faith
Episcopal Church & St Mary's
Churchyards*

The Vestry of All Faith governs the care and use of the Churchyards through a committee of three persons; one a Vestry member. It is the responsibility of this committee to maintain the Colonial appearance of the Church and Churchyards.

The Vestry of All Faith Parish hereby establishes the following rules and regulations governing the operation of the Parish Churchyards – such rules and regulations not to be amended or abrogated except by a two-thirds vote of the entire Vestry:

- I Persons seeking space for burial in the Churchyard shall be:
 - a. Persons who have heretofore, under rules then in force, acquired the right to the grave sites through purchase or inheritance.
 - b. Burial entitlements shall extend only to the following:
 - b-1 Active communicants of All Faith Parish. Those who receive Holy Communion in this Parish at least three times a year, or who pledge to this Parish their financial support and their husbands, wives and children who have not been legally separated from their parents.
 - b-2. Previous active communicants of All Faith Parish. Parishioners who have moved from the Parish and have taken their letters of transfer with them; to include husbands, wives and children who have not been legally separated from their parents.

b-3. Others. Someone who does not meet the criteria of the above designation but desires to be buried in the All Faith Churchyard.

II There shall be a charge of \$1,000 for each grave site for Parish Members and their immediate families as defined in b-1.

The charge for Parish Members as defined in b-2 will be \$1,500.

The charge for Others as defined in b-3 will be \$2,500.00.

Payment is for burial privileges only and does not convey property rights to the land.

Transfers of burial privileges are allowed only within immediate family of active communicants (B-1). Those wishing to release burial privileges to others must consult with the Committee before taking this action.

III Should the original purchaser of a lot decide to relinquish rights to the lot, the purchaser may receive one half of the original purchase price from the church.

Arrangements for the opening and closing of the grave must be made through the funeral director. Vaults or grave liners are required as of March 15, 2000.

In case of incinerate entombments (burial of ashes) in regular grave lots, only six such burials will be allowed in one regular sized (5 ft X 10 ft) lot. Vaults or grave liners are not required.

The Churchyard Committee shall satisfy itself that the burial is authorized under these rules. When, in judgment of the Committee Chairperson, a departure from these rules is deemed advisable, the matter shall be referred to the Churchyard Committee for appropriate action.

IV If the grave site purchaser and all members of his immediate family are deceased, any remaining unused grave sites shall be available for re-sale by the Vestry. The Committee reserves the right to remove all markers, stakes, cornerstones and monuments involved in such a procedure.

V Appropriate markers at grave sites are the responsibility of the family and should be in place within two years of the burial. The design of an inscribed headstone to be erected shall first be submitted to the Committee for approval; and **without such approval no monument shall be erected.** Any disputed headstone plans shall be resolved by the Vestry. It is recommended that all monuments be of modest proportions in keeping with the dignity and age of the Churchyard. Double markers will not exceed 8 feet length and should be 5 feet or less in height. For incinerate entombments (ashes) only one headstone is permitted. Double markers are allowed only for double, side-by-side sites (i.e. 4 ft wide by 5 ft tall maximum).

a. Only cut, potted or artificial flowers may be used to decorate grave sites. All materials shall be removed on the last Saturday of the month or when unsightly. Permanent plantings on grave sites are not permitted. Trees or other plantings in the Churchyard require approval of the Vestry.

b. Permanent additions to the graveyard such as benches or statues must be approved by the Committee and Vestry.

c. Because we must mow the Churchyard from April to November flowers need to be placed in a manner as to not impede mowing operations. The annual spring clean up usually takes place the Saturday two weeks before Easter, weather permitting.

d. Funeral flowers shall be removed by the family or funeral director in 30 days. Empty containers may be placed in the church trash bin.

e. Only qualified installers with proper liability insurance may place memorials. Individuals or families are prohibited from installing their own memorials. Memorial includes any physical structure.

A copy of these regulations shall be given to the person who purchases a site. A copy will also be given to the family members when someone is buried/interred.