



Introduction

A new memorial wall has been carefully constructed in the churchyard to remember those whose cremated remains are buried there.

It comprises 31 identical Forest of Dean headstones set in a zig-zag formation at the North End of the churchyard.

This guidance describes the terms that headstones are offered to families by St Mary's Olveston PCC for their use.

Two main options may be chosen by families:

1.

A one line inscription with name and year of birth and death on a prominent headstone shared with other local families.

2.

A full side of a headstone in the Memorial wall with space for names, dates, verse and decoration available for several family members.

Appendix - Fees for Headstones and Example inscriptions

1. Memorials with single Inscription on a prominent shared Headstone

Contribution towards cost of headstone: £30
Charge per inscription letter: £4

Example average characters $22 \times 4 = £88$

Memorial cost: £118

2. Memorials with full side Family Headstone

Contribution towards cost of headstone: £300
Charge per inscription letter: £4

Example average characters $60 \times 4 = £240$

Memorial cost: £540

Note

Current Mandatory fees for Interment of ashes and registration are **£241**. These apply to each burial of ashes in addition to the fees for memorials and inscriptions described above

All fees are subject to annual review to take account of changing costs.



St Mary's, Olveston

Memorial Wall



Points applying to each burial of cremated remains in St Mary's churchyard

- Ashes will be buried in front of the headstone using a special hollow auger and casket with an opening bottom to pour them gently into a prepared hole. Your undertaker will explain the details.
- The ashes will be covered with a thin layer of earth and grass.
- The grassed area in front of the headstone base will be kept clear for regular mowing to keep the churchyard tidy and in good condition.
- Flowers or plants in pots may be laid on the stone base in front of each headstone
- Each headstone in the wall will be used for memorials on both sides.
- Records will be kept in church of each burial with details of location and deceased details on a plan plus full details in the burials register.
- Fees for the headstone and inscriptions only are described in the appendix below. (additional Fees for the interment and burial registration are set annually by the Church of England Archbishop's Council and are displayed in the church porch).

1. Memorial Inscription on a prominent shared Headstone



The front four headstones facing south will be reserved for this use.

A cross will be inscribed at the top of each headstone.

The individual inscription will be on a single line of First name, Initial(s), Surname, year of birth, year of death.

Lettering will be deep hand-cut, Roman Font capitals approximately 5/8" high finished with black enamel. There may be up to 10 lines of inscription on each headstone.

2. Memorial with full side Family Headstone



The family may choose a new headstone full side in any location from those available at the time. Lettering, verse and decoration will be at the discretion of the family by agreement with the Vicar.

Inscription will be deep hand-cut, finished in natural stone or coloured enamel (gold is unsuitable on this stone). Decoration might be such as carved floral, coach line edges, carved corner patras. Lines of verse and lettering to family wishes. Capital letters recommended for clarity. Space may be left available for future inscription(s).

All inscriptions and decorations chosen will be arranged by St Mary's PCC through their memorial mason who will also provide advice if needed.