



North Bradley Baptist Church

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GRAVEYARD INTERMENT POLICY EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST MARCH 2022 UPDATED TO ISS 02 JUNE 2023

The following criteria are to be applied in determining entitlement to burial in the Church's PRIVATE graveyard situated at Little Common, North Bradley:-

- Church members, free of charge (FOC) and members of their immediate family, 50% of standard charge.
- Former ministers of the Church, FOC and members of their immediate family, 50% of standard charge.
- Youth Group members, 50% of standard charge.
- Those regularly attending Sunday Services but not being a Church member, 50% of standard charge or as per Trustees discretion.
- Those wishing to be interred in existing family graves, as long as there is space, FOC.
- At the discretion of the Trustees, where special circumstances apply.
- Those who had reserved a plot, when this was allowed, as recorded in the graveyard plan/register such arrangements will be honoured. An entry in the graveyard plan/register shall also be an acknowledgement that the appropriate fee was paid at the time of reservation.
- At time of purchase the Trustees must be informed if the grave is to be dug for either 2 or 3 interments.

Notes :-

- A person is defined as a Church Member if their name appears in the official "Roll of Members", as maintained by the Church Secretary.
- A regular attendee is defined as a person being present on at least 2 Sundays in a month, on an on-going basis. This will be determined by the Trustees, on request. A person who had become ill, aged or infirm would be deemed to be included in the regular attendee category, if they had, prior to their incapacity, be deemed as a regular attendee, by the Trustees.
- No plot can be reserved by members, regular attendees or others but will be allocated as and when they are required, at the Trustees discretion.
- Only headstones and flower receptacles can be used to mark the grave. No kerbs are allowed around the plot.

- The responsibility for the upkeep of the grave lies with the family and not with the Church or Trustees.
- Immediate family members are classed as Parents, spouse and children, including adopted and step children.
- The interment of an urn in an existing plot, with a family members ashes, is permitted at your own expense.
- A plot cannot be purchased for the sole purpose of the interment of an urn. Although it may be possible to accommodate this in other areas of the graveyard at the Trustees discretion.
- The organisation of grave diggers lies entirely with purchaser and their Funeral Director and is not the Church's responsibility.
- Standard charge to be set by Trustees and can be obtained on formal request.
- The church will keep the Graveyard plan up to date, as and when graves are sold and a second record is to be kept electronically, so that all church officers can have access to it.
- On sale of grave the church will issue a certificate of ownership to the purchaser. This will include their name, address at time of purchase and date grave was purchased. If they intend to use as 3 depth grave they must submit proof from grave digger/funeral director within 1 month of funeral or it will be classed as a 2 depth grave. This information to be recorded on the Graveyard plans and on the Certificate of Ownership.
- Graves can only be purchased from the Trustees of the church and not from any other office bearers. An agreement by the majority of Trustees is sufficient to approve the sale of a grave.