

CHW Churches

St Thomas's, St Michael's and St Andrew's
Colnbrook, Horton and Wraysbury

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Burials of Ashes in St Andrew's or St Michael's Churchyard

- Some notes to guide you about what is involved

(Please note, St Thomas's Churchyard is closed to new burials. Please contact us by email if you wish to apply for a burial of ashes at Colnbrook)

Please complete the application form available in the Funeral section of St Andrew's website

Booking a date

Should you choose to have a family member's ashes buried at St Andrew's or St Michael's, please book a date with us using the contact details above. We will arrange for the gravedigger to prepare the grave. If they are to be placed in an existing grave we need to be able to locate it and check it for suitability.

Entry in the church's burial registers

We need to know the following information into our burial registers:

- full name of deceased
- name the deceased was commonly known by
- address
- date of birth
- date of death
- **Details for next of kin or whoever is acting for the family including**
- name
- address
- telephone
- e-mail

If the ashes are to be laid to rest in an existing grave...

- Please tell us the name of the person who is already buried there, the date of their burial, and the relationship to the person who is now to be buried. Please guide us as to where the grave is located by providing at least 2 of the following: What3Words location; photos; Google maps with location marked; description of location and names on the grave and others nearby.

Caskets etc

- If the construction of any masonry on the grave permits it, and if there is space, it may be possible for the ashes to be buried in a wooden or similar bio-degradable casket supplied by your funeral directors. Otherwise the ashes will need to be poured into the grave.
- Please supply the dimensions of the casket. We will also need to know if there are any plans for another casket to be buried in the grave in future. This may not be possible if the size of the plot is restricted.
- We would normally prepare a plot 18x18 (inches) - if the container is more than 12" in any dimension please let us know

Fees for burials of ashes

The Diocese charges fees for burials of ashes: ([Link to fees table](#)). The 2025 fee is £273*. In addition we ask for £96 to pay the grounds team for preparation of the plot. If you would like to have a service at the same time there would be an additional fee.

Please pay the fee to the applicable church:

St Andrews: Wraysbury Parochial Church Council,
sort code: 20 -81-11, account number: 40989746

St Michael's: Horton Parochial Church Council,
Sort code: 40-42-08 Account 00446157

Monuments

You may well wish to have a memorial stone placed on the grave to remember your loved one. Unfortunately there are restrictions on the type of stone that may be used. This is because both churchyards are historic churchyards with many stones dating back hundreds of years. These were all quarried from local limestone. Churchyard Regulations require us to make sure that new stones are in keeping with these historic materials. The following types of stone have been found suitable:

- o Karin pale granite
 - o Limestone
 - o Nabresina
 - o Portland stone
 - o York stone
- Highly polished stones are not suitable but we may be able to give consent for honed stone.
- Stone plaques near the church should be set horizontally and level with the ground. These should not exceed 12" x 12"
- For plots in St Andrew's new Garden of Remembrance (no.4) different rules apply. Please see our separate letter about this.
- Please discuss these requirements with your stonemason, who will apply for permission for the stone on your behalf.

Fees for monuments

Fees are payable for memorial stones. Please see the Church Commissioners' table. Please note the following:

- Normally your stonemason will include all the fees in their own charges and handle the payments for you. You should not need to make any separate payments – but please check that this is what your stonemason expects too.
- If you are using an existing grave you may wish to add an inscription. A fee of £37* is payable at 2025 rates.
- If a new grave the fee for a plaque set in the ground in 2025 is £92*.

Please let us know if anything is not clear or if you would like to have a further discussion about your options.

Yours sincerely,

St Andrew's and St Michael's Admin team

*Please check [here](#) for current fees