

# *All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill*

## **Care of our churchyard**

The churchyard is cared for by volunteers and family and friends of the deceased.

It is sited in an area of natural beauty on the edge of woodland and the peace and tranquillity is enjoyed by many.

The Diocese of Oxford, which owns the land in trust, has a number of rules which are designed to maintain a good standard of care and uniformity.



- ◆ Graves may not be fenced or otherwise delineated
- ◆ Individual gardens, fencing or shrubs are not permitted.
- ◆ Only cut flowers or wreaths may be left at the graveside.
- ◆ Toys or similar ornaments may be left at the graveside of an infant for a year after the burial or interment.

The complete set of Diocesan guidance and rules for memorials and inscriptions can be found on-line at <http://goo.gl/CBKggx>

All Saints Parochial Church Council appreciates the dilemma of those who wish to leave a floral tribute. The churchyard is not always easy to access and the deer often demolish fresh flowers and shoots. Therefore daffodils, heather and small patio roses are the best option. Holly wreaths may be placed on the grave at Christmas but must be removed by Easter at the latest.

Would you like to help us maintain the churchyard? Here's how you can help:

- ◆ Join the small maintenance team to cut the grass, tidy hedges, burn leaves, empty bins etc.
- ◆ Do not leave plastic wreaths or flowers at the grave.
- ◆ Please use the compost, rubbish and recycling bins provided.
- ◆ Make a donation toward the upkeep of the churchyard.

To volunteer for the maintenance team or to make a donation contact a Church Warden or Brenda Goodger (member of PCC), 33 Church Road, Bow Brickhill MK17 9LH

Thank you for your co-operation. It is greatly appreciated.