

St Lawrence Eastcote

Policy: Flowers, mementos & memorials in the Garden of Remembrance

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The Garden of Remembrance

St Lawrence's has a Garden of Remembrance dedicated for the interment of ashes. The garden provides a peaceful and beautiful space in which relatives and friends may sit, reflect and pray.

As part of the Churchyard, the Garden of Remembrance comes under Faculty jurisdiction. This is part of the UK legal system, which regulates what may be placed in the churchyard, including memorials. New memorials therefore require special permission from the Chancellor of the Diocese of London, that is, need to be granted special permission under law by central church authorities.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) at St Lawrence's is responsible for ensuring that the Garden of Remembrance is well maintained. With volunteers undertaking this work, this requires that the simplicity of the garden is preserved, making it a space that is conducive to prayer. With the limited space available, ornaments in the garden are restricted to the bench, crucifix and two square plant pots given by the Phoenix Ladies' club in 2006.

- No individual memorials (commemorative stones, plaques, mementos, plants or plant pots) are permitted.
- No plants may be introduced into the Garden of Remembrance, either in the border of the garden or on the flagstones.
- Families, relatives and friends may place a small, living floral tribute on the site of the interred ashes at the time of interment or for an anniversary.

In order to maintain the Garden of Remembrance:

- Memorials introduced without consent will be removed by the church authorities
- Floral tributes may be removed after a week without further notice

The church is not responsible for any personal memento left in the Garden of Remembrance or the surrounding areas.