



Churchyard Management

St Laurence Churchyard is a shared sacred space. We are working hard to keep it looking good and improve it as a haven for wildlife in accordance with the Church of England Eco Church Policy. We are delighted that we received the Silver Eco Church Award.

We also have to abide by the national churchyard regulations which, from 6 weeks after a burial, permit **ONLY** the placing of cut flowers on graves. We have been interpreting this very generously but we do need to tighten up on this as we are receiving complaints.

In particular, the following are **NOT** permitted and will be removed from 1st March 2023

- Lights and Lanterns
- Flags and Balloons
- Ornaments (any relating to football teams should be removed immediately)
- Borders to burial plots (except stone ones prior to 2006)
- Gravel (except within stone borders) – this is particularly hazardous for those cutting and strimming the grass.
- Memorial Crosses once the headstone is in place.

Once the area of ground of the plot has settled it should be grassed over but we welcome the planting of bulbs and wild flowers within the grass. We will endeavour not to cut the grass on these plots when they are in flower. Permission for planting gardens is no longer given.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The Revd Canon Janet Chapman (Rector)