

# St. Nicholas Church Laindon with Dunton



## Guidance Notes for the Garden of Remembrance

*Gracious Father, as we remember with love those whom we  
have placed into your hands, be close to all who grieve their  
loss and give them the grace of your comfort and peace.*

We assure you of our prayers and concern at this time of sorrow and pray that the Garden of Remembrance will, in part, be a comfort to you and a help in easing your burden of grief.

Jesus Christ says: *“Come to me all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest”*.

Bereavement is something we all experience at some point in our lives, and we all react to it in different ways. Numbness, disbelief, confusion, desolation and fear may describe some of the feelings you are experiencing at the moment. Sorrow is part of the cost of love, and the death of someone close is one of the hardest of life’s experiences.

The garden of remembrance has been designed as an area set aside for the interment of ashes with the plinth, supporting the large wooden cross, providing the opportunity for a commemorative plaque.

Control of the garden is in the hands of the Chancellor of the Diocese and with this in mind, and also to help us in maintaining the appearance of the garden, we do ask you to observe the following points:

### **Grave Plot**

We regret that Diocesan regulations do not permit the marking of the grave plot. However it is possible to locate the grave by reference to the plot numbering and the grid reference in the Burial Records. You may also appreciate that this will enable ease of maintenance of the garden, so benefiting its overall appearance and we hope, serenity.

Should you require a double plot please inform the Vicar while making the present arrangements.

### **Memorial Plaques:**

As mentioned earlier the plinth provides the opportunity for a memorial plaque in remembrance of the person whose ashes are at rest in the garden.

Enclosed with this leaflet you will find a form for the ordering and fixing of a memorial plaque. If you would like to order a plaque this form should be completed, enclosing your remittance

(cheque made payable to PCC of Laindon) and forwarded to:

Revd. Diane Ricketts  
38 Claremeont Road  
Laindon  
SS15 5PZ  
Tel: 01268 411190

### **Flowers:**

Provision has been made for cut flowers to be placed in the containers in the flower bed in front of the plinth. **We would ask you to note that in accordance with the Chancellor's directions, no artificial flowers, pot plants, stone, etc. may be used.** These will reluctantly have to be removed (Seasonal wreaths excepted).

We are also pleased to offer the opportunity of providing fresh floral tributes in the church to mark a special occasion, e.g. Anniversary. Should you want to either, arrange for flowers or alternatively make a donation to the Church's flower fund, please contact the Vicar.

### **Memorial Book:**

If you wish to have inscribed a page in the Memorial Book in the Church please complete the enclosed form and return to the Vicar with the cost for this which is currently £10.

## APPLICATION FOR A MEMORIAL PLAQUE

I, ..... (*full name*)

of .....  
(*address*)

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Wish to order a plaque in memory of

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(*relationship*)

The inscription should read:

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(*name – please use block capitals so we can be sure of spelling*)

...19..... - ...20.....

I enclose the sum of £ (tba)

(*cheques made payable to PCC of Laindon please*)

APPLICATION FOR INSCRIPTION IN MEMORIAL BOOK

I, , ..... (*full name*)

of ..... (*address*)

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Wish to have an inscription in the Memorial Book at St. Nicholas Church in memory of

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(*relationship*)

The inscription should read:

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I enclose the sum of £10

(*cheques made payable to PCC of Laindon please*)