

**PARISH CHURCH OF SS. SIMON & JUDE, CASTLETHORPE**  
**Churchyard Regulations**

1. A parishioner has a right to be buried in the churchyard. In order to preserve sufficient burial space for this, and future generations, permission will not normally be given for interment to those who do not live in the parish, except where use is made of an existing grave, or where deceased has previously been resident in the parish but has moved, for example, to a local authority home. Non-parishioners may only be buried in the churchyard if a faculty has previously been obtained for the reservation of a particular grave space. Otherwise, interment is to be at the place directed by the Incumbent.
2. The strict right of a parishioner is confined to that of interment. The erection of a tombstone or monument over a grave, though customary, remains a privilege, and no monument may be erected in a churchyard without the authority of the Incumbent, who acts on behalf of the Chancellor of the Diocese. The Incumbent may, at his discretion, refer permission for any memorial to the Chancellor.
3. From the date of these regulations, only three types of monument will be accepted:
  - [a] a cross or crucifix made of wood, not larger than three feet high and two feet wide;
  - [b] a memorial stone which conforms to the following:
    - is no larger than 3 feet plus a base of 3 inches high, 2 feet wide including the base, and 3 inches deep;
    - is not of marble or painted stone;
    - is coloured cream, white, light grey or light brown [Ketton] only;
    - does not incorporate an image or statue other than an etching;
  - [c] a memorial vase, maximum size 12 inches by 8 inches by 8 inches, and conforming to [b]3 above.
4. Memorials are to be sited where indicated by the Incumbent. This could be at either the head or foot of the grave to conform to the requirements of the churchyard. Memorial vases are likewise to be at the head or foot in conformity, and not placed in the middle of the grave space.
5. No monument may be erected in the churchyard until the particulars of the material to be used, together with a drawing of its design and size, the exact wording of the inscription, and the requisite statutory fee have been submitted to the Incumbent in writing, and have been approved by him, or the Chancellor, in writing. The order to the stone mason should not be given until this is obtained.
6. Grave mounds left for twelve months may be levelled at the Incumbent's direction to facilitate grass cutting. Grave spaces should not be artificially raised in height, or planted with flowers or shrubs, and no liability will be accepted for damage to such flowers or shrubs which impede grass cutting. No artificial flowers are to be used in the churchyard. Wreaths and floral tributes remain the responsibility of the deceased's family and should be removed from the churchyard within two weeks of the funeral. Wreaths placed on graves at Christmas-tide are expected to be removed by the end of February. Cut flowers on graves should not be placed in front of the monument in a separate container, but in a container which is incorporated in the design of the monument.

*Regulations approved by the Parochial Church Council of SS. Simon & Jude, Castlethorpe, on 27 September 1983.*