

Clogher Presbyterian Church

Graveyard Rules

1. A Sub-committee, known as the Graveyard Committee comprised of not less than three members appointed from the congregational Committee will deal with all matters connected with the Burial Ground and interments except in cases of dispute. In any dispute concerning allocation of graves, transfer of burial rights, the interpretation of these rules or the management of the graveyard, the decision of the Congregational Committee must be sought and shall be final.
 2. Burial Rights and Grave Plots are reserved only for members of the congregational as defined in Rule 3. No fee is applicable.
 3. A Member for the purpose of these Graveyard Rules is defined as:
 - A) One who continuously subscribes to the Free Will Offering scheme an amount at least equal to the General Assembly's Assessment per family for each particular year.
 - B) One having close affiliation with Clogher Presbyterian Church at the absolute discretion of the Grave yard Committee.
 - C) The entitlement of those who held Burial Rights prior to 31.03.2011 is not infringed by the above.
 4. When a person ceases to fulfil the definition of a member of this congregation the privilege of burial in the Grave Plot of which he/she had previously been the registered holder is forfeited. Such persons if they desire interment shall pay a fee of £500 for each internment. The same fee is payable for the reposal of ashes. This fee to be paid in advance before the grave is opened.
 5. Only ONE person shall be registered as the holder of a grave plot. No transfer of a grave plot shall take place without the consent of the Graveyard Committee who will register the transfer.
 6. Only the Graveyard Committee shall have the right to decide the position of graves and to authorise the opening of a grave. Such permission must always accord with the Graveyard rules.
 7. Funeral Services in the Graveyard, as in the Church, are entirely in the hands of, and can only be conducted by the Minister in charge of the Congregation or someone authorised by him and he must be consulted before any arrangements are made.
- From 31.03.2011 a headstone only (i.e. no surround) shall be permitted and shall not exceed 4 feet in height. (Surrounds may be permitted at the discretion of the Graveyard Committee where adjacent graves already have surrounds). Application for erection of any memorial and surround must be made to and consent granted by the Graveyard Committee BEFORE work can commence.
9. The wording of any inscription must be submitted to Session and approved before the work is carried out.
 10. No shrubs or trees shall be planted on grave plots. At the discretion of the Graveyard Committee artificial wreaths may be removed 6 months after the date of burial.

11. The length of a grave plot shall be 8 feet.

Width of single plot 3 feet 6 inches

Width of double plot 7 feet.

12. It is the responsibility of members of the congregation to reserve a grave plot. Members wishing to register a plot in their name shall pay a fee of £20.

13. Contractors or others persons erecting a headstone or replacing a headstone, surround or making alterations to a grave plot must remove all surplus materials from the graveyard

14. The Congregational Committee shall be at liberty from time to time to alter and update any or all of these Rules, regulations and Fees.

15. The Congregational Committee and Trustees shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any grave plot or anything placed thereon. Neither will they be liable for any personal injury, occurring during the erection of any headstone or surround.

16. The upkeep and condition of all graves, including headstones and surrounds shall be the sole responsibility of the person holding the Burial Plot rights. The Congregational Committee reserves the right to lay flat or remove unsafe memorial.

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