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**Terms and Conditions of Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial**  
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1. The cemetery is the property of the Church; the land is always owned by the Church. The purchaser of a plot (grave owner\*) owns only the Deed of Grant for Exclusive Right of Burial for a specific plot (either full or half size), for burial or interment of ashes. Exclusive Right of Burial is granted for a period of 99 years only. Plots cannot be purchased in advance.

2 The location and size of the grave is determined by the Church and the grave will be prepared by the undertaker appointed by the family / next of kin of the deceased. Burial of ashes must be arranged with the funeral director or the Church.

3. The Church is responsible for the upkeep of the footpaths and hedges.

4 It is of paramount importance that due reverence and respect is maintained for all visitors of the cemetery in all aspects and areas of the cemetery. This is for the safety of all.

4.1 Please do not leave rubbish in any part of the cemetery other than the bin at the entrance.

4.2 Alcohol must not be consumed in any part of the cemetery.

5. The Church has a responsibility to ensure that all memorial stones are appropriate to their surroundings, therefore, the installation of memorial stones is to be carried out only following consultation between the grave owner's\* appointed monumental stonemason and the Church. An application from the stonemason must be sent to the Church to ensure that the design and size of the stone is acceptable to the Church. Only NAMM registered stonemasons approved by the Church will be allowed in the graveyard. A list of approved monumental masons is attached.

6.0 Unbreakable containers of flowers may be temporarily placed at the base of the gravestone. Any flower arrangements with metal or plastic backing frames cannot be disposed of by the Church. The grave owner\* must remove such items and dispose of them personally.

*\*The term 'grave owner' refers to the owner of the Exclusive Right of Burial*

7.0 The following are **not permitted** on or near a grave under any circumstances:

7.1 The use of **kerb stones or edging of any kind**.

Edging stones, fences or wooden surrounds placed around graves are hazardous. This measure was introduced in 2008 and updated in 2023, for ease of maintenance and the safety of all.

7.2. The placing of **chippings or paving slabs**

7.3 The placing of **ornaments**

7.4 The **planting of trees, shrubs, roses etc.**

7.5 The placing of any **food or drink**

7.6 The placing of **any glass item**

7.7. The placing of **any item with sharp or dangerous edges or points**

8.0 The Church will arrange for the removal and disposal of any unauthorised items following 28 days' notice.

9.0 The family / next of kin of the deceased person named on the grave certificate are responsible for the upkeep of the grave plot.

10.0 Every change in the cemetery, including the erection or removal of a monument, ornament or inscription requires the authority of the Church.

11.0 The removal of kerb sets from old graves shall be at discretion of the Church, for the safety of all.

12.0 The owner of a memorial stone has the responsibility to maintain it in a good condition following the installation by an approved memorial mason. The Church has health and safety responsibilities to its employees and visitors to the cemetery and will adopt appropriate procedures to inspect, identify and remove any dangerous or unstable memorials.

Whenever a memorial stone is deemed to be unsafe every effort will be made to trace the owner / relatives. If contact cannot be made within 28 days, the Church will take appropriate action. In extreme circumstance a stone may need to be laid down immediately.

I have read the above terms and conditions and agree to the same.

Signature ..... Date .....

Name and address .....

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