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PCC of St John & St Luke, Clay Hill

Registered Charity number 1151418

Policy on the Interment of Ashes

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1. This document sets out the policy of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John and St Luke, Clay Hill, (PCC) regarding the Interment of Ashes.
2. A person shall be deemed to qualify to have their cremated remains interred in either:
 - the Flower Bed adjacent to the West End of St John's Church; or
 - the Macy Memorial Garden in the grounds of St Luke's Churchif
 - 2.1 They were at the time of death; or have been at any time during their life for a minimum of two years; either:
 - on the electoral roll of the Parish of Clay Hill; or
 - a participant in the Stewardship Scheme of the Parish of Clay Hill;or
 - 2.2 They were spouse or partner of a person who qualified under the criteria in section 2.1 above, providing that the qualified person has had, or intends to have, their ashes interred in the same grounds.
3. For all interments, ashes will be placed directly into the soil and not buried in a container.

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4. For interments of ashes in the soil of the Flower Bed adjacent to the West End of St John's Church, a small wooden cross maximum size 60cm x 30cm, with a plaque bearing details of the person whose remains have been interred, may be placed to mark the location.
5. For interments of ashes in the Macy Garden in the grounds of St Luke's Church:
 - 5.1 Ashes may be interred either:
 - in the soil underneath an existing double stone plaque; or
 - in the soil around the central monument.
 - 5.2 For an interment around the central monument, a standard format inscription may be added to the central monument by an approved stone mason.
 - 5.3 It is PCC policy that lack of space in the Macy Garden precludes interments of ashes under new stone plaques.
 - 5.4 Where a stone plaque exists, a single movable vase or other marker no larger than the width of the plaque may be placed on the surface of the ground behind the plaque to commemorate the person whose remains have been interred. Plants and markers may not be permanently embedded in the ground.
6. The name and details of any person whose ashes have been interred in the grounds of either church may optionally be recorded in St Luke's Church Book of Remembrance.
7. The Vicar and Churchwardens have discretion to amend any of the above policy statements in exceptional circumstances.