

Holy Innocents Anglican Church, Paradise  
Cemetery Regulations and Guidelines  
October 2016

The Anglican cemetery located on Paradise Road, is operated by the Anglican Cemetery Committee of Holy Innocents Anglican Church in Paradise. The following guidelines are for the benefit of plot purchasers and cemetery visitors. The cemetery committee is appointed by the vestry of Holy Innocents Anglican Church to manage the cemetery. The purchaser includes the heirs, executor, legal representatives, and funeral director acting on behalf of the purchaser.

## 1. Cemetery Burial Sites and Plots

The cemetery at Holy innocents is divided into individual plots. A plot is one or more burial spaces intended for or used for the interment of a deceased person or cremated human remains.

Types of pots:

-Adult/Youth Casket Plots are a single (up to 4x12ft), double or larger size. One casket is permitted in a single plot, provided it is not already occupied by cremation urns. In order to preserve family bonds, the cremated remains of up to three family members of the deceased, may each be placed in an urn above the first casket burial or placed in an unoccupied plot.

-Baby Plots (up to 3x6ft) are for burial of a baby or child (max. casket length 48 inches). Up to two urns containing the cremated remains of the parents or guardian, may be placed above the casket (Please consult the cemetery committee as there are restrictions and extra fees)

-Single Cremation Plots (3x3ft) The cremated remains of one individual may be placed in an urn and the plot marked by a bronze or granite flat marker.

-Family Cremation Plots (up to 4x6ft) are for the remains of two family members, each in an urn. A small monument may mark this plot. Please consult with the cemetery committee if a Companion Urn containing the cremated remains of two family members is to be used as special options and fees apply.

## 2. How to Purchase a Plot

Plots and services provided by our cemetery may be purchased through funeral homes, the rector of Holy Innocents, or the cemetery committee.

-Fees for Cemetery plots, opening and closing costs, and related services, are shown in the "Schedule of fees". The cemetery committee shall set aside an approved amount from the sale of a plot and place it in the Perpetual Care Fund for cemetery care and maintenance

-Payment for Cemetery plot purchases arranged by funeral homes, are due within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued the funeral home by the cemetery committee. The funeral home will remit the full amount payable to: the Anglican Cemetery Committee of Holy Innocent's Anglican Church, Paradise.

-Payment for immediate need cemetery purchases made by the purchaser with the cemetery committee/ rector, are due within 30 days of invoicing.

### 3. Plot Purchase – EXCLUSION

- The resale of plots by the purchaser to any party is STRICTLY prohibited
- No organization is entitled to purchase plots for resale to members.

### 4. Cancellation of Plot Purchase

Any purchase of a plot paid in full to the Cemetery Committee may be cancelled, providing the plot is unused and unmarked, and the purchaser or legal representative provides notice in writing, either sent by registered mail or delivered in person to the Cemetery Committee/Rector. Either a purchase agreement or receipt indicating ownership is required. All money paid at the time of sale, shall be refunded to the purchaser, with the following possible exclusions:

### 5. BEFORE INTERMENT PROCEEDS

The purchaser and owner of a plot do not acquire any of the cemetery property itself, but only the "right of interment".

-Right of Interment (also known as "right of burial") means a right acquired by purchase, inheritance or transfer, for the interment of human remains and cremated human remains in a plot. The purchaser also has the right to erect on the gravesite a monument or marker and to place flowers, wreaths and ornaments, all in keeping with Cemetery regulations.

-Transfer means "right of interment" may be transferred (excluding resale) to another family member, by making written application to the Cemetery Committee.

-Family member here means spouse or common-law partner, children, parents, siblings, grandchildren, and grandparents.

*Please consult a Funeral Director or the Cemetery Supervisor if there are concerns, especially if burial wishes of the deceased are unknown. The following procedures may help families in making a decision:*

- *Known Burial Wishes: For a previously purchased plot consisting of one or more grave spaces, the Cemetery Committee will recognize the known final burial wishes filed on behalf of the person(s) for whom the grave space is reserved*
- *Unknown Burial Wishes: In the event of the original plot owner not having arranged for such future interments in a family plot, the Cemetery Committee, may first recognize the rights of the deceased's spouse, then the direct lineal descendants or heirs in an order of priority succession, in keeping with provincial Statutes.*
- *Mutual Agreement: The Cemetery Committee may also consider the wishes of the lineal descendants or heirs who by a mutual agreement in writing, determine who among them shall have the right of interment in a previously purchased family plot until all said spaces are occupied*

## 6. Cemetery Burial Procedures

-The Cemetery Committee will keep a Register of Plot Purchases. The committee has the right before burial proceeds to request a purchase agreement or receipt indicating plot ownership.

-Interment. No deceased person or cremated human remains will be interred in our cemetery except as authorized by the Cemetery Committee. Only the Cemetery Committee or designate approved by the Cemetery Committee, shall open and close a plot.

-Scattering of cremated remains above a plot is presently not part of Anglican Cemetery policy with no official recognition.

-Grave Liner. Caskets may be placed in a wooden, concrete, steel, or fiberglass grave liner. Cremated remains will be sealed in an urn or receptacle approved by the funeral director and may be placed in an appropriate urn container.

-The Cemetery Committee will keep a Burial Register which will include the full name of every deceased person whose remains are interred in our cemetery, the date of death, date of interment, age of the deceased, and the grave site location.

-Disinterment and Exhumation may be made upon written request to the Cemetery Committee and will follow provincial laws or legal requirements.

**-Unauthorized removal of buried or cremated human remains from the cemeteries is strictly prohibited and a legal offence.**

## 7. Monuments and Markers

-Monuments must be constructed of either granite or marble or bronze. The design of upright bronze monuments must first be approved by the Cemetery Committee. Monuments, including their base, must not exceed an overall width of 36 inches for a single adult plot or 66 inches for a double plot. Combined height of monument and base must not exceed 36 inches above ground level and must not extend laterally beyond the plot boundaries.

-Flat markers and Cremation flat markers must be constructed of either granite or bronze or both; must measure 12 x 24 inches and must be placed at lawn level above the internments.

-Concrete may only be used as a foundation for monuments.

-Wooden crosses and other approved temporary markers may be used for up to two years after a burial.

-A Permit issued by the Cemetery Committee is required before the installation of a monument. The purpose is to ensure standards are maintained and the site location of the monument is correct.

## 8. Care, Maintenance, and Covering of a Gravesite

-The Cemetery staff will provide opening, closing and perpetual care of gravesites, including infilling, grading, sodding, routine maintenance, and if feasible, leveling of subsided monuments on a small concrete base. Damaged monuments and concrete enclosures considered a public hazard may be repaired or removed by Cemetery staff. In areas of shade crushed stone will be applied as a grave cover instead of sod.

-The plot owner is responsible for the installation and care of the monument or marker, including maintenance of the concrete foundation.

-Fences, walls, curbs, enclosures or concrete covers are NOT permitted on plots. Cast-iron shepherd hooks and upright poles are NOT to be used on plots to hang floral containers, wreaths or other decorations. These structures are unstable during storms and may cause damage to monuments.

-Stretch cord, rope, string, wire or tape must NOT be used to secure flowers, wreaths and decorations to monuments. They may cause injury to staff and visitors.

## 9. Ornaments and Decorations

-Ornaments of glass, plastic, concrete, wood and metal are not permitted as they clutter gravesite, interfere with plot maintenance and are a safety hazard.

-Memorial vases, statues, crosses, and other sacred ornaments of stone, bronze or ceramic, may be placed in a designated space at the base of a monument. Remembrance or memory lights may be used but not with solar panels.

-Only one small cameo ceramic portrait per deceased individual may be used on the monument. Other photographic images (excluding monument etchings) will fade and are not permitted.

-Small flags and poppies may be placed on Veterans' graves.

-Christmas wreaths may be placed between December-January and must be secured to a wreath support.

-One or two small toys may be placed on a baby plot for a brief period after burial and on special occasions. *Worn, stuffed toys may stain monuments and will be removed by Cemetery staff.*

## 10. Flowers and Wreaths

-Floral tributes and wreaths may be placed on a grave at the time of interment.

-Flowerbeds are permitted on gravesites directly in front of upright monuments. They are to be rectangular with their length not greater than that of the base stone and their width not to extend 12 inches from the base stone. Fencing or a curb of stone, brick, plastic, or wood, is NOT permitted around the bed.

-Potted flowers and low plants may be re-planted in the gravesite flowerbeds. Plants must not hide monument engravings.

-Cut flowers or potted plants must be placed in ceramic, clay or plastic containers or in floral containers, which are part of the monument. Owners should remove plant containers to avoid winter damage to monuments.

-Saddle-type floral baskets are not permitted as they will stain and scratch monuments. Flowers will stain unpolished monuments. Rose bushes and tall plants requiring staking are NOT permitted. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited.

-Cemetery staff will remove all flowers, wreaths, decorations and ornaments as they become unsightly.

## 11. Liability

The Cemetery Committee will endeavor to provide reasonable security checks, safeguards, and to protect our cemetery from damage, including that of vandalism. The Cemetery Committee does not assume any liability for personal injury or for loss or damage to monuments caused by vandalism or other factors beyond its control.

## 12. Information and Service – Please contact:

The Church Office at  
Holy Innocents Church Office: (709) 782- 3071  
Email: [holyinnocents@nf.aibn.com](mailto:holyinnocents@nf.aibn.com)

## 13. Fee Schedule

Single Plot Fee \$400

Double Plot Fee \$800

Cremation \$300

We will no longer accept the pre purchase of plots.

