



Although the St Giles' graveyard is closed to burials we are able to arrange the scattering / burial of ashes; there is an area of the graveyard that we have set aside for this. It is towards the right of the church as you look from the gate just beyond the cherry trees.

There are 2 ways that ways that we can arrange things:

Scattering of Ashes

There is the option is to scatter the ashes in the graveyard. To do this we would book a time for you to visit the graveyard and then either a family member or one of our clergy team would gently scatter the ashes around the cherry trees on the grass. If you wished we could say a prayer for you all as we do this and afterwards the church would be open for you and any guests to spend a few moments together should you wish. You are welcome to leave flowers where the ashes are scattered (these must be real, not artificial). There is no charge for the scattering of ashes.

Burial of Ashes

With this arrangement a burial plot is prepared in the area of the graveyard reserved for the burial of ashes. At an arranged time we would meet at this plot and one of our clergy team would lead a short act of remembrance - a few readings and prayers and an opportunity for reflection. Either a family member / friend, or the clergy member would then place the ashes in the prepared plot. We ask that the ashes to be buried are in a wooden casket, or if preferred they can be loosely poured into the burial plot. After the prayers, the church will be open for you and any guests to spend a few moments together whilst the ashes are covered over, after which you may wish to lay flowers (these must be real, not artificial). There is a fee of for the burial of ashes in the graveyard (for 2025 this is £198).

A Note on Memorials

The graveyard is closed to new memorials and so we are not able to accept any permanent markers, plaques or headstones however we do keep a book of remembrance in the church, and if you wished to place an entry in this that can be arranged. Families are welcome to place flowers to mark the spot where the ashes have been buried and we keep a church record of whose ashes are buried where. We try to keep a natural feel to this area of the graveyard and it is mowed regularly.

Should you wish to talk to someone about arranging a burial of ashes at St Giles, please contact the church office – admin@stgilesparish.com or 07948 834250.