

# **REGULATIONS OF THE ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA MEMORIAL GARDEN**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the St. Joseph of Arimathaea Memorial Garden (The Garden) is to provide an appropriate, consecrated, and maintained place for the interment of ash remains of church members and their families. The Garden is located in a landscaped area of St. Bartholomew's Church.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The Garden is overseen by the Memorial Garden Committee (the Committee). The committee is to be appointed by the Rector and Wardens of the Vestry. The basic design, planning and administration of the Garden is under the supervision of the Committee, whose actions are subject to approval by the Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church.

## **INTERMENT**

1. The ashes will be those of a member of St. Bartholomew's, a former member, or a member of his or her family (defined as spouse, parents, children or siblings of the eligible person), or of applicants approved by the Rector.
2. The ashes will be interred in biodegradable containers.
3. Numbered plots will be assigned on behalf of the Committee by the Garden Coordinator. The location of occupied or reserved plots will be shown on a Master Plan which will be kept on file in the Church Administrator's Office. Where practicable, the committee will attempt to accommodate the wishes of persons who have made a proper application to arrange for interment of the remains of family members in contiguous plots.
4. It is anticipated that the Garden will be available for interment of remains in perpetuity. In the event that all plots are used, remains will be reverently interred in previously used plots. It is intended, to the extent practicable, that interment of ashes in previously used plots be accomplished in the order in which the plots were initially used, i.e., beginning with the first-used plot and continuing in sequence of use.
5. The name of each person whose ashes are interred in the Garden, together with the dates of the individual's birth and death, will be listed on a name-plate and affixed to the exterior wall of the Church. The name-plates, arranged in order of interment, will be the only markers or memorials in the Garden. There will be no floral arrangements or other decorations within the Garden.

6. The fee for interment is \$600.00, normally payable at the time of application. However, applications are accepted upon receipt of a deposit of \$100.00 with the balance of the payment being due not later than three (3) years from the date of application. In all cases, the entire fee must be received prior to interment. In the event of a change of mind, all monies paid in excess of the amount of the deposit will be refunded.
7. Receipts from fees are held in a designated fund at the direction of the Vestry to be administered by the Rector and the Committee with monthly reporting of the fund status to the Vestry by the Church Treasurer. Fees are to be used to the extent necessary for all costs incident to operation of the garden, to include perpetual maintenance and care, any capital expenditures required in connection with the Garden, and care of the surrounding area.
8. The Vestry specifically reserves the right to modify, amend or revoke these regulations from time to time without prior notification.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Arrangements for the interment of ash remains, either one's own or those of a member of one's family, may be made by completing and signing an application which is available from the Church Office. The fee of \$600.00 is payable to the St. Bartholomew's Church. This fee covers interment, purchase and erection of a nameplate, and perpetual care of the Garden. Alternatively, applicants may pay \$100.00 at the time of application, with the balance due on or before three (3) years from the date of application, and, in any event, prior to interment. A check for the appropriate amount should accompany the application.
2. On approval of the application, an acceptance will be issued by the Garden Coordinator. The application and the acceptance, together with these regulations, constitute a contract between the applicant and the St. Bartholomew's Church.
3. The original contract will be kept in a permanent file in the Church Office. A copy of the contract will be given to the applicant.

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