



DIOCESE of **WINCHESTER**

REGULATIONS CONCERNING MEMORIALS IN FAWLEY CHURCHYARD

It has been brought to our attention that the Diocesan Regulations relating to memorials in churchyards are not being complied with in our churchyard.

You may be unaware that in consecrated churchyards there are specific regulations, determined by the Diocesan Chancellor His Honour Judge Christopher Clark QC, concerning what is and is not allowed. There are no specific rights for anyone to have a memorial erected without obtaining the appropriate permission first.

The full regulations may be obtained from the parish office, the Vicar or from the Diocesan Registry but embellishment of graves with ornaments, plastic flowers, trinkets, windmills or other such items together with kerbing, chippings or railings are not allowed.

It is our intention to honour the Chancellor's regulations. The churchyard is a shared space and we wish to keep it as uncluttered and natural as possible. We would like to encourage the wildlife and hope to keep the area clear and tidy with the help of the community.

If you have placed ornaments or other such items on a loved one's grave then please remove them and take them home on your next visit. We appreciate that these ornaments may hold special relevance to you and we are concerned that we can't continue to keep them safe. If ornaments are not removed by the 18th September 2015 then the churchyard working party on behalf of the Parochial Church Council will carefully remove them, label them and store them for your collection at a later date.