

# ***CITY OF WELLS*** ***Cemetery***

## ***THE CHAPEL***

The City of Wells Cemetery Chapel could provide the perfect location for smaller funerals or memorial services. It has a traditional altar with brass religious ornaments, which can either be kept or removed.

Two lecterns are provided for readers. You may wish to decorate the Chapel with fresh flowers or candles or to suit your needs. Please discuss your individual requirements with your funeral director or the cemetery office staff.

You may wish to have a personal funeral service sheet. It is advisable to discuss the order of service with the minister/funeral director when doing this.

- Seating for up to fifty mourners.
- Electric organ available (organist available for an extra charge).
- CD player is available allowing mourners to play their own music.
- The religious leader of your choice can take the service.
- Easily accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

The Chapel can be hired for a small fee, please see our price list for details.



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## ***Pre-purchasing grave space:***

You do not 'buy' a grave – you purchase the 'Right of Interment' in a grave. This means that the ownership of the land occupied by the grave remains with the Council, but no-one, other than the purchaser (or persons nominated by him/her), is entitled to be buried here.

At present these rights are granted for 50 years but will probably be for less in the future, in the interests of memorial safety. This does not mean that anyone interred there will be exhumed and the memorial disposed of, just that the Council will regain more control over neglected graves and/or memorials.



You will be sent a Deed of Grant witnessing your right to interment in the specified grave space. It is a good idea to keep this with your will and to be sure to inform your executor of its existence. The Deed will show that you have paid the current price for the Rights of Interment in the grave – it will not show any additional charges paid e.g. the charge for an interment.

The Right of Interment carries with it the Right to Erect a Memorial, therefore no-one other than the owner of these rights can put any memorial on the grave without his/her permission. These rights can be assigned during the lifetime of the original named purchaser; otherwise they devolve to the executor via an Order of Probate or to the next of kin via Letters of Administration. Where neither of these things is available, a Statutory Declaration of the basis on which the claim is made will need to be drawn up sworn to before a magistrate or a commissioner of oaths. For example a son or daughter may make a Statutory Declaration that they have the right to be interred with their parents if the grave is not yet full, and that they have the permission of any siblings. This will also apply where members of a family may wish to inter cremated remains in the grave at a later date.

The Right of Interment belongs only to those persons mentioned in the Deed of Grant. It is probably best, if buying in advance, to make sure that all the persons for whom the grave is intended are mentioned by name on the Deed.

You should remember that there is a separate fee for the interment itself, over and above the purchase price of the Right of Interment. This is payable for every interment whether in a family or public grave, or when a grave is re-opened.

### **Where in the cemetery will the grave be?**

You can visit the cemetery to see the sections available. Although it is not usually possible to choose an individual grave space, it is possible to decide which area.



The cemetery is divided into consecrated and un-consecrated halves. There is no hard and fast rule however, and any denomination can be buried in any area. As a guide, people whose religion is given as Church of England are normally buried in the consecrated section, and nonconformists or Roman Catholics in the un-consecrated section.

Graves can accommodate up to two people dependent upon the area of the cemetery. There is also room for up to six caskets of cremated remains or unlimited numbers if the cremated remains are interred without a casket or urn.

**ALL MEMORIALS IN ANY SECTION MUST BE ERECTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEMORIAL MASONS.**

## ***Memorial plaques:***

**Why not commemorate your loved one with a beautiful solid bronze plaque?**

Memorial plaques will be mounted on to the wall in the garden. Floral tributes may be placed at the foot of the wall. The plaques are 5 inches by 3 and are made of solid bronze. A maximum of 50 characters can be engraved on each plaque.

The cost for supply and fitting can be found in our price list.



## ***Memorial benches:***

**Remember your loved one with an attractive teak wooden bench.**

The benches are placed around the cemetery. A plaque can be fitted to the bench, with a maximum of 60 characters. The plaque measures 9 inches by 2.5 inches and is made of solid bronze.

The cost of the bench and plaque can be found in our price list.



## ***Our philosophy:***

- † We will perform our duties in a passionate and caring manner.
- † We will provide a professional burial service.
- † We will maintain the environment to the best of our ability.
- † We will cater for most religious or individual preferences.
- † We will help elderly and disabled visitors by providing support.
- † We will aim to constantly improve our services.
- † We will consider all suggestions and implement where possible.
- † We will open the cemetery every day of the year.
- † We will keep the cemetery aesthetically pleasing, through thoughtful landscaping and regular maintenance.
- † We will deliver our services in an open manner and provide as much information as possible.
- † We will allow a wide choice of memorials.
- † We will attend to any complaints promptly and efficiently, where possible without prejudicing the interests of others.