

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN PARISH CBS

CEMETERY RULES AND GUIDELINES

The **All Saints Anglican Parish of Conception Bay South**, under the direction of its '**Cemetery Committee**', manages a total of five cemeteries, of which only two are currently typically accepting burials. The sheer volume of grave plots (over 3700) presents a number of operational challenges for the Cemetery Committee, both in terms of cost and the huge volume of work effort required. It is hoped that the information provided by this brochure will provide an overview of our ongoing Cemetery Operations, and give you some insight into the importance of strictly adhering to these rules and fee structures, as well as give you some view of the many activities undertaken and events celebrated annually.

ANNUAL CEMETERY FLOWER SERVICE

Each summer All Saints CBS hosts two annual Cemetery Flower Service events. The first is held in Cemetery #4 located on Dunn's Hill Road, and is scheduled for the last Sunday of July, starting at 2:00pm. On the Sunday immediately following we host a second Flower Service event at Cemetery #3, which is located on the righthand side of Church Road, and then immediately following that service we all walk across the street to Cemetery #2 for a short service. Finally, a procession continues with another short walk to our Oakes Lane Cemetery #1, which we are proud to say is a designated heritage site. In the event of inclement weather, our Flower Services will be held at the Cemetery on the next evening that has suitable weather, starting at 7:00pm. Check our online sites for updates:



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In order to allow families to prepare gravesites in advance, and for the removal of flowers afterwards, all vehicular gates at our cemeteries are typically left unlocked one week prior to, and two weeks following the flower services. We will attempt to ensure that the grass is freshly mowed during the week prior to each flower service. Persons attending these flower services are encouraged to bring along their own chairs, if necessary. A reminder announcement will be

placed in our Candle newsletter two weeks prior to the flower services, and will be posted on both our Facebook and Website pages.

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We ask for your cooperation in helping us keep your cemeteries as clean, tidy, and beautiful as possible. **Please respect our posted guidelines.**



- The Cemetery Committee of All Saints will provide the excavation of all cremation graves, with the cost being included in the 'Cemetery Maintenance Fee'. The excavation for casket graves shall be the financial responsibility of the family, in concert with a funeral service provider, and will be supervised by our Cemetery Committee.

- All excavating equipment operating on cemetery properties "must" be covered by a current comprehensive general liability insurance policy, and must not be leaking any fluids or other harmful hazardous materials into the environment. The contractor will be responsible for "all" timely remediation activities and costs.

- When graves are being excavated, all excess material shall be moved away from the gravesite to a designated area identified by the Cemetery maintenance worker. Only the required amount of material used to refill the gravesite will be returned.
- In an effort to avoid damage to existing monuments, prior to any excavation commencing, all monuments and markers in close proximity to a newly dug gravesite must be protected by a covering. Under no circumstances shall the excess material from a new gravesite excavation be placed on nearby graves. The excavating contractor will be responsible for "all" damages as a result of their work activity.
- When each new gravesite is refilled, the material must be mounded reasonably well so as to reduce any unsightly and unsafe sinking, especially such as occurs during winter months.
- To ensure the safety of all, after a grave is dug, and while awaiting for the burial, it shall be covered appropriately in accordance with safety standards to prevent an individual or animal from falling into the excavation.

- The Cemetery Committee and/or its employees shall not be responsible for any expenses caused by damages incurred during the opening and/or closing of casket graves - it shall be the sole responsibility of the excavating firm.
- Flowers, trees and/or shrubs may be donated for planting, but only under the guidance and the guidelines of the Cemetery Committee.
- Every effort should be made to place flowers and other items of respect directly on the monument base itself, or areas as near to the base as possible, but never exceeding six inches away from the monument base.
- Cut flowers and potted plants may only be placed in disposable clay or plastic containers. **Glass containers are absolutely not permitted**.
- Ornaments made of glass, ceramic, plastic, wood, or metal are not permitted, as they tend to clutter the gravesites and interfere with general maintenance. Any such items that are considered a safety hazard or interfere with general maintenance, especially grass cutting, will be removed.

CEMETERY AND FUNERAL FEE STRUCTURE

(Subject to change at any time, upon Vestry approval)

PURCHASE OF CEMETERY PLOTS

- No plots will be reserved until fees are paid, or a deposit of 50% is received and an agreed payment schedule is established for the balance, and is current.
- As is articulated by the Diocesan 'Joint Committee' and the 'Newfoundland Insurance Company': ***"Please note that headstones, plaques and urns etc. are the property and responsibility of the families of the deceased and NOT the cemetery. The cemetery insurance does not cover damage to headstones, plaques, urns etc. in any way."***
- All Saints Cemetery Committee will attempt to maintain monuments that may lean due to the natural settling of the ground, however, this means that all monuments must be installed to our approved guidelines. Please consult All Saints CBS for the latest guidelines.
- **84" LENGTH PLOT - \$800 EACH**
 - May be configured as a single casket, or if a single casket is currently in place, it may be followed by up to six cremations, depending the agreed (signed) configuration at the time of the first cremation burial.
 - May be configured at the time of purchase (signed) as 'cremations only', and may be configured in 'three' or 'six' cremation patterns.
- **42" LENGTH PLOT - \$500 EACH**
 - Limited to two adjacent cremation burials per plot, and are only available in a designated 'cremation only' area of the Dunn's Hill Road Cemetery
- **42" LENGTH INFANT PLOT - \$200 EACH**
 - Available in the designated 'Infants Only' section of the Dunns Hill Road Cemetery

- Limited to a single burial 'instance' per plot

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FEE - \$300

- Payable on all burials
- Utilized to help cover the cost of managing all burial activities, as well as general ongoing maintenance and operations of our cemeteries.

CEMETERY MONUMENT FEE - \$200

- This fee is applicable for all new vertical and flat monuments that get installed on a burial plot.
- No monument is permitted to be installed without the prior approval by the Cemetery Committee of its exact placement location, and receipt of this fee.
- Please consult the Cemetery Committee for all details regarding the installation guidelines for monuments and monument bases.

OTHER FUNERAL SERVICES OFFERED

(Fee only applies if the service noted is utilized)

- **USE OF THE CHURCH BUILDING** **\$100**
- **SERVICES OF A CLERGY** **\$150**
- **SERVICES OF AN ORGANIST** **\$100**
- **LIVE STREAMING OF CHURCH SERVICE** **\$150** *(STREAMING IS DEPENDANT ON RESOURCE AVAILABILITY)*

ACCESS TO CEMETERY PROPERTIES – The Diocesan insurer and legal advisor wish to ensure that Cemeteries mitigate the possibility of personal injury injury of people lawfully visiting or entering our properties. Therefore, the All Saints CBS Cemetery Commttee takes such care as is reasonable in all circumstances to see that these visitors are reasonably safe. However, it must be understood that there is always some risk of trip hazards.

All main vehicular traffic gates may be kept locked at all times, except for funerals, as well as a one-week period prior to and after the annual Flower Services. The smaller pedestrian gates are always unlocked to facilitate pedestrian access.

Within the Diocese there have been several incidents where people driving into a cemetery to visit the grave of a departed loved have damaged headstones and cemetery property with their vehicle. It is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle to contact their insurer to report the damage, and damage repaired or replaced. However, it is possible that the vehicle owner may not be aware of the damage they created and/or they may fail to report it.

ACTS OF VANDALISM – The Cemetery Committee endeavors to prevent damage to graves and monuments; however, it can not be responsible for damages caused by deliberate acts of vandalism, or other acts of nature beyond our reasonable control. If visitors witness any acts of vandalism, they are asked to please contact the Parish as soon as possible, or report it to the police.

MAINTENANCE SEASON - The ‘typical’ employment season for our Cemetery Caretaker is May 01 through to October 31. The Caretaker is often complimented by a team of volunteers who assist with a variety of organized work activities. We welcome and encourage all volunteer help that anyone can provide.

END-OF-SEASON CLEANUP - October is designated as ‘cleanup month’. Between October 1st and 15th, flowers and other ornaments should be removed from all grave plots by the family. After October 15th, the caretaker will be instructed to remove and discard any items remaining. Unfortunately, we have experienced numerous instances during the fall and winter season when these items turn into wind-driven debris strewn around the cemeteries, and often onto the adjacent roadways and neighbouring properties.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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