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**Interment of Ashes into the Churchyard of St. Mary’s Church Merton.**

We extend our condolences on your recent loss and hope that your visiting St Mary’s Church and Churchyard will bring some comfort and reconnection for you.

*Would you kindly complete this application form, typing your answers directly onto this form please and return by email to* *office@stmarysmerton.org.uk* *and we will be able to help you further. Thank you.*

**Your details**

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| **Your full name** |  |
| **Relationship to the deceased** |  |
| **Your address** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone No.** |  |
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**Details of the deceased person whose ashes you seek to be interred in St Mary’s Churchyard**

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| **Full Name** |  |
| **Date of death** |  |
| **Age in years** |  |
| **Home address at date of death** |  |

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| **Are you requesting a New Cremation Plot?**  | **Yes** |  | **No** |  |

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| **Date of confirmed Interment** *(for office use)* |  |

*Please send your answers to The Parish Administrator by email to* ***office@stmarysmerton.org.uk*** *or, if in hard copy, to The Parish Office 13 Church Path, London. SW19 3HJ.*

An invoice will be sent to you in due course. The Church fees follow a statutory order for the interment of ashes but please note they do not include the creation of the actual stone or inscription work. A local funeral director can help guide you with that. The presumption is, for practical and environmental reasons, mortal remains are buried in a hessian/cotton bag and not in any kind of urn or container. The size of memorial stone is to be 12 inches x 12 inches x 2 inches – the precise wording on a memorial stone, by law, has to be agreed in advance with the Vicar, so to assist you and preserve the character of the churchyard, the following wording is in use and acceptable:

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| ***In loving memory of******Name******date of birth and death*** |

Please note that it is necessary to seek permission from the Vicar before any interment takes place or additional inscription or new memorial is commissioned or introduced.

While the London Borough of Merton is responsible for the maintenance of St Mary’s Churchyard and cuts the grass several times a year, a wildlife habitat appearance is to be expected. Please note that it remains the responsibility of the family that places a memorial stone in the churchyard, to care specifically for the plot now, and for successive generations to continue that care into the future. Thank you.

To discuss an application after we have received your answers to the above questions, please contact the Parish Administrator on the above email or telephone the Vicar on 07958 959591. Thank you.

Revd John A Hayward – Vicar