

St. Aidan's Memorial Garden

Purpose

The purpose of the St. Aidan's Memorial Garden is to provide a beautiful, consecrated and meditative place for the interment of ash remains of St. Aidan's members and their families. The Garden is located in a landscaped area behind the Parish Center.

Administration of the Garden

The Garden is overseen by the Memorial Garden Committee which consists of 6-8 parishioners in good standing at St. Aidan's. Committee members are appointed by the Rector and Wardens of the Vestry for a three-year term. The basic design, planning and administration of the Garden are under the supervision of the Garden Committee. All requests to work or make changes and improvements in the Garden must be approved by the Garden Committee.

Interment

1. Ash remains to be interred will be those of a member of St. Aidan's, a former member, or a member of his or her family (defined as spouse,

partner, parents, children or siblings of the eligible person). Special requests may be approved at the discretion of the Rector.

2. Ash remains will normally be interred directly into the earth. Biodegradable containers may be used as deemed appropriate by the Rector. Special requests to scatter ashes in the garden may be approved by the committee.
3. Particular placement of interred ashes in the Garden may be requested using the grid provided by the Garden Committee. The location of occupied or reserved plots will be shown on a grid which will be kept in the parish office. Where practical, the Garden 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. Each person's ashes interred in the Garden will be provided a marker that states the full name, date of birth and date of death. The design for the marker has been approved by the Committee and will be the only markers allowed. The marker will be placed within 60 days of interment according to the approved

grid. The markers may be relocated periodically to allow for the proper placement of other markers according to the grid. The markers are the property of the church. Each person whose ashes are scattered will be listed on a wall plaque with dates of birth and death.

5. Receipts from fees are held in a restricted fund of the parish's regular account and are administered by the Garden Committee with annual reporting of the fund status to the Vestry and Rector. Fees will 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 and care of the surrounding area.
6. Floral arrangements or other decorations within or around the Garden are not permitted. Temporary arrangements may be approved.
7. The Vestry specifically reserves the right to modify, amend and revoke these regulations from time to time without prior notification.

Application

Arrangements for the interment of ash remains may be made by completing, signing and returning an application, which is available from the parish office or on the St. Aidan's website. A non-refundable fee of \$750.00, due in full and made payable to St. Aidan's – Memorial Garden must accompany the application. This fee covers interment, marker placement and care of the Garden.

1. On approval of the application by the Rector, a written acceptance will be issued to the applicant. The application and the acceptance, together with these regulations, constitute a contract between the applicant and St. Aidan's.
2. The original agreement will be kept in a permanent file in the parish office. A copy of the agreement will be given to the applicant.
3. This agreement does not expressly state or imply any property rights to the deceased's family, friends, or representatives. The Garden is the sole property of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.

*....man's dust will go back to the earth,
returning to what it was, and the spirit
will return to the God who gave it.*

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Brick Memorials

1. Brick memorials may be placed in the Garden to honor the memory of others directly associated with members of St. Aidan's but who are not interred at St. Aidan's.
2. The request for bricks shall be made to the Committee for written approval and ordering of the bricks. The bricks remain the property of the Memorial Garden.
3. The fee for bricks is \$100 and payment in full shall accompany the request.
4. The bricks shall be uniformly engraved with the name of the person, date of birth, and date of death. The bricks will be the same pattern as those that are currently in the Garden. Placement of the bricks will be done only by the Committee.
5. Applicants may select from a variety of approved fonts and wordings for the engraved information on the bricks.

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Rules and Regulations



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