

WELCOME

We are very sorry for the loss of your loved one and offer you our condolences from all at St Leonard's and assure you of our ongoing love and prayers.

St Leonard's Churchyard is enjoyed by many people who value its natural beauty and sense of peace. It is consecrated ground where generations have been laid to rest and are remembered by family and friends over the years. It is a place where your loved one can rest in peace.

The vicar and churchwardens are committed to handing the Churchyard on to future generations with the same character we have inherited from the past.

The overall atmosphere of the Churchyard depends on balance and consistency in the way that graves are tended. The Diocese of Blackburn has drawn up Churchyard Regulations in order that this balance is kept. While some of the regulations are for safety reasons, others are to keep the appearance of the Churchyard pleasing for everyone.

For this reason we draw the regulations to the attention of all those who tend graves so that together we can provide a fitting resting place for the people of the villages served by the parish of St Leonard's.

If you would like a copy of the regulations, please contact: the vicar tel. 01254 247039
e mail revtswindells@aol.com
or visit
www.stleonardslangho.org.uk

HEADSTONES

- A fee is charged for permission to place any monument. This can only be done after the size, design and inscription has been approved and written permission has been given. We recommend not erecting a monument until at least 6 months after the burial.
(Monument means: Gravestone, Cross, small tablet, stone vase or any other memorial made from any material).
- The maintenance of the headstone is the responsibility of the purchaser.

In the case of their death, their descendants become responsible.

- We retain the right to 'lay-down' any headstone which poses a danger to the public.
- It should be noted that the graveyard at Old Langho can often become waterlogged. This can cause some graves to subside; if this happens then it will be the responsibility of the next of kin to rectify.

CARING FOR GRAVES

- Please lay flowers on the grave or in the containers incorporated into the memorial (or sunken vase).
- Please unwrap flowers before being placed on the graves and dispose of the wrapping carefully.
- Please place all discarded plant material in the compost area.
- Please note that any dead or badly faded flowers, old wreaths or inappropriate items will be removed.

Please speak to the vicar or one of the churchwardens if you are uncertain about anything and would like further guidance.



YOU MAY

- Have a memorial in local stone, slate, or hardwood within the permitted materials, shapes, and size limits after design approval has been sought from the vicar prior to ordering and erection.
- Use simple and dignified wording on the memorial. This must be approved by the vicar prior to inscriptions being added.
- Lay fresh flowers or artificial silk flowers on the grave.
- Place flowers in water in a built in receptacle which must be flush with the top of the base or in a sunken vase level with the ground.
- Place Christmas wreaths of natural foliage from mid-December to mid-February (after this they will be removed)
- Place small crosses and poppies for Remembrance Sunday.

PLEASE DO NOT

- Mark the grave with any kerb or edging of any kind; it makes mowing difficult and can risk injury to the mower operator.
- Lay any chippings, gravel or stones; if caught by the mower these could injure persons in the Churchyard.
- Plant trees, bushes, shrubs or herbaceous flowers. All graves must be covered only in grass.
- Place any item other than fresh flowers or artificial silk flowers on the grave.
- Place any picture, photograph, statue, ornament or similar on the memorial or grave.
- Place items in the shape of a book, heart, cross or similar on the memorial or grave.
- Use glass or other breakable or sharp items; this is an obvious health & safety issue and can cause fire.
- Scatter ashes in the Churchyard.
- Place benches or plant trees in the Churchyard without seeking prior consent from the vicar.



ST LEONARD'S CHURCHYARD LANGHO

St Leonard's Churchyard is governed by the Churchyard Regulations of the Diocese of Blackburn.

A place of peace and calm around Old St Leonard's Church where people come to reflect, remember, find solace and to give thanks.

A place where past, present and future meet, and a place to stop and spend time for reflection.

If you see other graves that do not conform to the criteria we set, quite simply this is not permissible and should not have taken place; we have resolved that for the future there are no more 'non-permissible' graves allowed. Churchyards are required by law to meet certain criteria and as a Parochial Church Council, our aim is to keep the churchyard as a sacred place and a fit and proper place for your loved ones.