

PETITION FOR FACULTY (PERMISSION) TO ERECT A MEMORIAL DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PERMITTED IN THE CHURCHYARD MEMORIAL REGULATIONS 2018

IN THE CONSISTORY COURT OF THE DIOCESE OF YORK

TO THE WORSHIPFUL CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE

The Applicant [insert full name and address].....

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asks for a Faculty authorising the erection of a monument in the churchyard of.....

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PARTICULARS

1. Name of person to be commemorated.....

2. Date of Burial.....

3. Relationship of Applicant to person to be commemorated.....

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(e.g. I am theof the person to be commemorated)

4. What is the location of the grave
number of row.....
number of grave in row.....

5. Is the grave in an old part or a new part of the churchyard?.....

6. What type of material is to be used?.....

7. What colour will the memorial be?.....

8. Is permission sought for any part of the memorial to be polished? If so, what part?

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9. Measurements of memorial.....

10. Description of decoration (if any).....

11. Type of lettering.....

12. Colouring of lettering.....

13. Wording of inscription (attach a separate piece of paper if there is insufficient space here).....

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NOTE ABOUT INSCRIPTION

- (1) Full names are to used. Any name by which the deceased was usually known may be permitted in brackets after the Christian name provided that an explanation of the reason for requesting this accompanies this petition
- (2) Wording must be consistent with Christian belief in life after death and should not simply be an expression of personal loss or sorrow without any indication of an expected reunion in eternal life. You may be asked to alter the wording if it does not meet this requirement
- (3) An appropriate quotation from the Bible may be used. It would be prudent to discuss this with the incumbent first.
- (4) You may suggest wording which you believe describes the best in the life or character of the person to be commemorated
- (5) You should try to produce original wording of you own and avoid copying a standard phrase or verse from another memorial.

14. Name and address of Monumental Mason.....

15. Any special reason which the applicant wishes to give for choice of memorial and/or inscription (if there is insufficient room here please supply separate statement)

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Full sketch or photograph of type of memorial showing ground level and method of fixing and foundations (see note on page 4) shall be drawn on or attached to this page.

I,.....the Applicant undertake that if a Faculty is granted the memorial will be erected in exact conformity with its description in this application and in accordance with any conditions attached to the Faculty. I have read and understood the current edition of the Regulations relating to churchyards issued by the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Dated..... Signed.....

**To be completed by the Incumbent, Priest in Charge
(or during a vacancy in the Benefice the Area Dean)**

1. Have you any comments to make about the proposed inscription?
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2. What is the view of the Parochial Church Council about the suitability of the proposed memorial in this part of the Churchyard? A formal resolution is required. Please set out the resolution in full.
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3. What is your view about the memorial's suitability in the churchyard having regard to the character and appearance of the church, nearby buildings, the walls (if any) of the churchyard and its relationship to other memorials?
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4. Are there any other similar memorials in the vicinity of the grave? If so, approximately how many?.....
5. (a) Approximately how far away from the church is the grave?
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(b) Is it in a prominent position?.....
6. Will this memorial hamper the cutting of grass or maintenance of the churchyard?
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7. Has the Parochial Church Council any plan for the removal of grave stones?
(a) in operation now?.....
(b) for the future?.....
8. Have you any other comments to make on this application? If you are doubtful about the application it would assist the Chancellor if you were to send one or two photographs showing the churchyard and the grave.....
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Dated..... Signed.....

FIXING AND FOUNDATIONS

The following conditions apply to a Faculty granted pursuant to this application

NOTE

1. Technical specifications for foundations suitable for particular types and sizes of monuments and ground conditions should be established by the PCC after taking advice in writing from a competent person.
2. Firm ground (apart from the area of interment) should be provided upon which the memorial will be erected
3. Technical specifications for fixing memorials to foundations should be established for any unusual sites or conditions
4. The practice of fixing "lawn cemetery headstones" in a way merely to facilitate their subsequent removal to workshops for additional inscriptions should be discontinued.
5. In addition to the more traditional methods of fixing the PCC should consider the new system of fixing recommended by the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) using two stainless steel tubes driven into the ground. A leaflet can be obtained from NAMM, 27a Albert Street, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2SG