

St. Mary's, Tilston - Public Notice relating to the Churchyard, July 2023

All churchyards in the Diocese of Chester are required by law to comply with the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations. These regulations are mandatory and we, the Parochial Church Council with the responsibility for the churchyard of St. Mary's Tilston, must ensure the churchyard and every grave within it complies with these regulations.

If graves do not comply with the Regulations, maintenance and repair, including mowing the grass, is much more difficult. There is a risk of damage to graves, memorials and items on them and a risk to the machinery used to keep the churchyard in good order. Some breaches of the Regulations also make visiting neighbouring graves more difficult and it is important that everyone complies to ensure the churchyard remains orderly and respectful for all visitors.

Recently we have become aware that there are Health and Safety issues within the churchyard, due to items on graves which do not comply with the Regulations. As a result, we will be removing these items on Monday 4th. September, and holding them in storage until Monday 6th. November, when they will be disposed of.

If you are concerned about the compliance of items on a family grave, please contact either the Rector or one of the Church Wardens to discuss the matter. We do not want people to be upset by the removal of items without due notice. Of course, any removed items can be reclaimed before the November deadline.

Thank you in anticipation of your support on this matter.

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