

The Parish Church of Emmanuel, Shelley

This information has been designed to help you remember those whom you have lost. It has been written in the spirit of love to guide you to make informed choices about deciding on a memorial which complies with the Churchyard Regulations of the Church of England. Together we can create a peaceful and sacred place so you and others can remember loved ones.



Thank you for taking the time to read this information. If, at any stage, you have any questions or concerns please contact me or the Churchwarden. Contact details are on the penultimate page of this leaflet.

All blessings and prayers to you and your family
at this time.

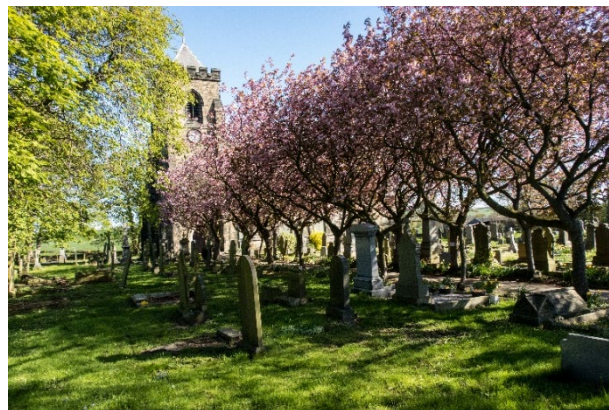
Shelley, Emmanuel Parish Church, Graveyard



Our Heritage

Emmanuel Parish Church is a Victorian Church opened in 1868. Over the years it has been altered to suit the worship patterns of the times and to make it more accessible to the people of the village and the local community.

The Churchyard is a peaceful place, which is well looked after in line with conservation and environmental appreciations and is deeply loved by many. People like to sit quietly and enjoy the solitude. It is the home resting place of the first Emmanuel Church Vicar and contains War Graves. Within the Lychgate is Shelley's War Memorial which commemorates those who died in the two World wars.



Dear all,

In the weeks and months following the death of a loved one there are many different emotions that are experienced. Shock and disbelief can give way to sadness, anger, guilt, or a strange kind of numbness which seems to make everything more difficult to face. Above all, there can be a real sense of loss and a desire to have something tangible to remember our loved one by.

It is at this point that the question of whether to erect a memorial or gravestone can arise. There may already be a stone in place, marking a family grave. If so, adding a name to the existing inscription is all that is required, but often it is a question of a new headstone being erected.

Memorial stones are expensive, and so it is important that whatever memorial is chosen is right for everyone concerned, but there are regulations that must be adhered to.

As in all Churchyards in the Diocese of Leeds, there are regulations at Emmanuel Church about what kind of memorial stone might be appropriate. These regulations cover the size and shape of the stone, the material from which it is made, and the inscription detail.

These regulations have been drawn up to make sure that whatever monuments are placed in a Churchyard they take into account certain important considerations. These factors are outlined in Churchyard Regulations overseen by the Chancellor's General Director and form part of this letter.

The statutory process by which legal permission can be obtained to erect a headstone or other monuments in a Churchyard is set out in the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 as amended by the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 and the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019. These Rules are approved by Parliament and have received Royal Assent, and thus form part of English Law.

Although Funeral Directors and local Monumental Stonemasons are aware of the regulations and will guide you regarding which stones are appropriate, it is vital that you and they submit a full description of the memorial to the Church authorities **before** any work is begun. This is done by completing a form (permit), sending the form to the Church and by paying the current fees (this form is available from the Funeral Director or from the Church). By adhering to these rules disappointment or needless expense will be avoided if a monumental stone is rejected because it does not comply with regulations.

Furthermore, a Churchyard, unlike a Cemetery, is not only a place for burials. It is primarily the area around a Church which is a living place of worship. A Churchyard is thus concerned equally with the living as with the dead. A Churchyard is also a public place, and all that is erected in it must show sensitivity as to its context and to its neighbourhood. Also, Health and Safety is a consideration as many people walk through this Churchyard.

The care of the Churchyard embraces many of the factors which incorporates a concern for conservation, both of wildlife and of our historical architectural heritage; a concern for visual values and for good design; a need for solitude and quietness; and a desire for visual presentation of the interdependent mysteries of life and death. This is why we are required to ensure the Churchyard is kept tidy, safe and uniformed, so that future generations will be able to enjoy this sacred space.

Thank you. May God show you his love, now and always,


Reverend Amanda Grant

Rules governing graves, monuments, and memorial stones in Emmanuel Church, Churchyard

These regulations are taken from the Church of England and can be found on the Diocese of Leeds website. They are designed to help with the management of the Churchyard, to encourage good practice and ensure that they are preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of the whole parish and local community. Local Monumental Stonemasons and Funeral Directors are aware of these regulations and will deal with the necessary approvals and fees.

The incumbent (Vicar) has the authority to permit the introduction of a headstone which is sympathetic with the Churchyard as a whole and which complies with the following requirements.

Size

Memorial plate

Height (from base)	2ft 3 ins (min) to 4ft (max)
Width	1ft 8 ins (min) to 3ft (max)
Thickness	3 ins (min)* to 6 ins (max)

*except when slate is used, in which case 1.5 ins (min) is permitted

Memorial base (if included)

Height (from ground)	3 ins (min) to 6 ins (max)
Width	2ft (min) to 3ft (max)
Depth	10 ins (min) to 1ft (max)

The base may incorporate up to 2 integral sockets for flower vases.

Base

A base forming an integral part of the design of a headstone may be included, provided it does not project more than 50 mm (2 in) beyond the headstone [in- including the base] in any direction and provided it is fixed on a foundation slab of an approved material which itself is fixed flush with the ground and extending 75mm to 125mm (3 in to 5 in) all round so that a mower may freely pass over it.

Materials

The following stone is permitted:

Limestone:	Derbyshire Derbyshire Fossil Ravensworth
Sandstone:	Yorkshire Derbyshire – Derby Dale Gloucester/Forest of Dean

Slate: Serena Allswick Blue
Cumberland

Westmoreland North Lancashire

Granite:	Bluehill Grey Cornish Grey Cumbrian Grey Devon Grey Karin Grey Indian Grey New North Grey South African Dark Grey Creetown
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Appearance

Polished stone or mirror finish is not permitted.

Inscriptions

Photographs or representations of objects or motifs such as a child's toy are not permitted nor the use of 'pet names'. Bronze or ceramic inserts are not to be used. Badges, crests, or emblems may be used provided they are seemly and appropriate for the deceased. Any representation will need to be designed so that it may be accurately cut by a skilled craftsman. Masons' or carpenters' names, signs or marks may be inscribed on any monument provided their position and appearance are unobtrusive having regard to the monument. Incised lettering may be painted in gold, silver, mat white, matt black or matt grey. Plastic inserted lettering is not permitted.

Crematory Remains

Unless cremated remains are buried in an existing grave, they are interred in our ashes plot along the footpath. It is not necessary to have a memorial stone, but should you choose to do so, then it should be 300mm (12 inches) square, properly bedded-in and laid flat with the ground so that a mower can pass over the top of it. There should be nothing around the memorial stone and vases for flowers are not permitted. Materials should be in line with the list above for other memorials and inscriptions limited to the name of the deceased and dates of birth and death.

Below is an example of the permitted inscription on this type of memorial stone.

JOHN EDWARD SMITH 1.1.1950 – 31.12.2010 In Loving Memory

Position

No memorial may be erected within 3 meters of the outer wall of the church building save by authority of a faculty.

Fixture

Regard must be had to health and safety concerns, and to current industry standards for the fixing of monuments safely and securely.

Crosses

An incumbent may NOT consent to the introduction of a cross. Such monuments require a high standard of design. However, the incumbent may authorise the temporary introduction of a simple wooden cross no more than 12 inches in height to mark a recent burial. Such cross must be removed upon the erection of a stone memorial or after a period of 18 months, whichever be the sooner.

Prohibitions

- 9 For the avoidance of doubt, the following are **not** permitted:
- i. Kerbs, railings, fencing, [around a grave or headstone] chippings, pebbles and similar materials, and free-standing vases. These create difficulty or danger when mowing;
 - ii. memorials in the shape of vases, hearts, open books;
 - iii. memorials incorporating photographs or portraits;
 - iv. mementos, windmills, toys or little animals, solar lamps or similar;
 - v. the use of 'pet names'
 - vi. artificial flowers

Commonwealth War Graves

Graves of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission are marked by memorial headstones of a distinctive design and size, indicating their particular significance.

Important Notes

The Incumbent has no authority to permit the erection of a memorial which does not comply with these Regulations. The statutory process by which legal permission can be obtained to erect a headstone or other monument in a Churchyard is set out in the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 as amended by the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 and the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019. These Rules are approved by Parliament and have received Royal Assent, and thus form part of English Law.

A beneficial tool is to use the Emmanuel Church, Shelley, Burial Ground Management System. See link below.

<http://www.shelley.burialgrounds.co.uk>

Finally, if you wish to apply for a memorial stone or require further help, your Funeral Director will be happy to assist. You may also contact:

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Stephen Hughes at
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I said to the person who stood at the gate of the year,
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the Hand of God."

"That shall be to thee better than a light and safer than the
known way. So, I went forth and finding the Hand of God
trod gladly into the night."

An adapted poem by Minnie Louise Haskins

