



CARE OF CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION MEASURE 1991
FACULTY JURISDICTION RULES 2015

Rules 5(3) and 20.6(2)

PETITION FOR FACULTY – GRAVE SPACE RESERVATION

To the Consistory Court of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Parish: _____

Church: _____

We:

| FULL NAME | RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (including postcode) |
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Petition as follows:

We seek a faculty to authorise us to reserve a *single depth/double depth* plot for *my/our* burial in the churchyard in the position *shown on the attached plan/described below:-*

(If you are unable to supply a plan of the churchyard showing the desired location then describe clearly by reference to known points or by row and plot number, exactly where the plot is to be so that there is absolutely no risk of confusion.)

CREMATED REMAINS

Is the plot required for the burial of cremated remains?

If so, is there an area specifically set aside for the burial of cremated remains and why do you prefer not to use it and to reserve a space elsewhere?

QUESTIONS

Please answer all of the following:

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| <p>1. Are any actual works proposed at this stage?</p> <p><i>(It is assumed that the answer is "no". Any memorial will be the subject of a separate application after your death.)</i></p> | <p>Yes / No</p> |
| <p>2. How old are you?</p> <p>If you are under 50, please attach a separate written explanation of the reasons behind your request. Please note that permission is not normally granted to persons under 50 unless there are very special circumstances. <i>[Younger people are more likely to change their circumstances and their wishes about burial. Reservations for such people may disadvantage parishioners who die before they do.]</i></p> | |
| <p>3. If you are resident in the parish already, why do you wish to reserve a particular grave space in the churchyard?</p> <p><i>(Any resident of the parish or anyone dying within the parish has a general right to be buried within the churchyard, assuming it is the parish burial ground, although not in any particular place.)</i></p> | |
| <p>4. If you are not resident in the parish, are you on the church electoral roll?</p> | <p>Yes/No</p> |
| <p>5. Have you ever lived in the parish and if so for how long and during which years?</p> | |
| <p>6. If not, why do you wish to reserve a grave space in this churchyard?</p> | |
| <p>7. If there is any further information that you would like the court to take into account, please include it on a separate piece of paper.</p> | |

The statements in this petition and the answers to the questions above are true to the best of *my / our* knowledge and belief.

I/we enclose a cheque for £200 payable to "Birketts LLP" for the faculty fee. (Not refundable)

I/we enclose a cheque for £200 payable to.....PCC. (This is refundable if the faculty is not granted)

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(Signatures of the petitioners)

Dated :

To be completed by the minister or a responsible officer of the PCC

(A) _____ Parochial Church Council at its meeting on _____ passed *unanimously / without dissent / by a majority of _____* to _____ (*please delete as appropriate*) among those present and voting, a resolution agreeing to the reservation of the grave space requested by this petition. A copy of such resolution signed by the *chairman / secretary* is attached. There are _____ members of the council.

(B) There is ample space available in the churchyard for the future burial of parishioners for at least the next _____ years. (*Please complete. This helps the chancellor decide whether the reservation can be accommodated without interfering with the normal burial rights of parishioners*).

(C) (*If the application is for a space for cremated remains*) Please say whether or not there is a separate area specifically set aside in the churchyard for the burial of cremated remains where reservations are not allowed and "next in line" applies.

.....(*signature*)

.....(*name*)..... (*office held*)

Please indicate below which member of the PCC should be regarded as the contact address. (Telephone, address and email address would also be helpful).

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When completed, please return the petition with your two cheques to:

**The Diocesan Registrar
20-32 Museum Street
Ipswich
IP1 1HZ**

FOR USE BY CHANCELLOR ONLY

Let the public notice be displayed (if not previously displayed in accordance with the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015). Subject to the receipt of the public notice with completed certificate of publication and if no objection has been received, let a faculty be issued on condition that:

1. That the petitioner/s shall pay the sum of £100 to the parochial church council for the future administration and maintenance of the churchyard.
2. That the rights granted shall lapse on the expiration of seventy five years from the date of the faculty unless renewed by further faculty granted before the expiration of such period.

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