



# Melbourn United Reformed Church

## Burial Ground (Policy & Charges 2023)

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## **Burial Ground Policy 2003**

### **Melbourn United Reformed Church Burial Ground Policy Document**

Melbourn URC has agreed a burial ground policy document effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

The Melbourn United Reformed Church burial ground is a private burial ground for its members, adherents and others at the discretion of the Church Officers and Elders.

Melbourn URC will not accept liability for any damage to headstones

Generally an owner is responsible for the upkeep of a grave but where for practical reasons this is inapplicable, Melbourn URC reserve the right to carry out any repairs deemed necessary.

Melbourn URC will undertake to cut grass on and around graves, where appropriate.

Melbourn URC reserve the right to maintain a grave, which has been left untended

Floral tributes must be maintained. They will be removed at the church's discretion.

#### **Regulations as to Memorials permitted in the Church Burial ground**

##### **A) Headstones**

Memorials to be of natural stone

Kerbs, chippings or ornamental masonry will no longer be permitted

Maximum size of headstone:

3 feet in height by 2 feet 6 inches in width by 4 inches depth

Proposed wording and design must be submitted to the Church Officers for approval before permission to place the memorial will be given. Design on the stone should be simple in nature - e.g. cross, rose or sheaf of wheat.

##### **B) Cremation tablets**

Cremation tablet is to be of natural stone

Must lie flat, flush with the surrounding turf

Maximum size shall be 18 inches by 18 inches by 2 inches.

Adopted 26 Nov 2003

Burial Ground - Charges (Adopted by Church Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1. Hire of Church for Funeral	£200
2. Minister	As charged / agreed
3. Organist	As charged / agreed
4. Burial Plot (Grave)	£300
5. First Interment	£100
6. Second Interment (Must have been advised at time of first interment)	£100
7. Cremation Plot	£150
8. Burial of Ashes (inc Minister but without Church Service)	(see item 9 below)
9. First Interment of Ashes	£150 (+ Minister fees (£75 for SF) if no Church Service)
10. Second Interment of Ashes (Must have been advised at time of first interment)	£150
11. Grave Headstones	£60
12. Cremation Tablets	£50
13. Subsequent Inscriptions (All Monuments)	£30

*Adopted by Church Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023*