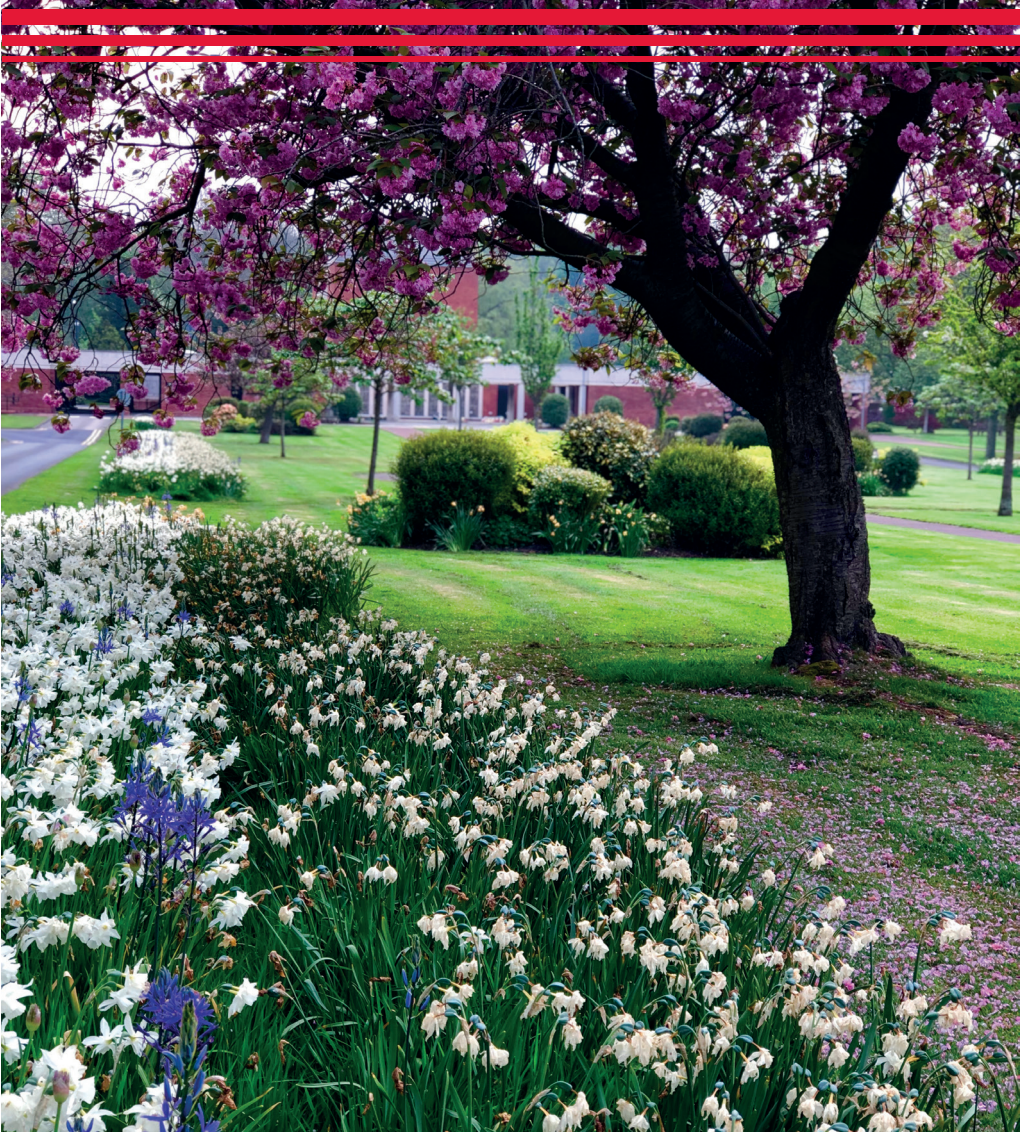




St. Helens
Council

Choices After Cremation



This booklet has been designed to help you make a choice concerning your loved ones cremated remains following cremation. This will help you know what options are available so you can make an informed choice.

If you are waiting to attend an appointment to bury or scatter the cremated remains of your loved one, please telephone the Bereavement Service Team to make a mutually convenient appointment.

Options for cremated remains

Burial in a new cremation plot at St Helens or Newton Cemeteries

A cremation plot is a grave which may be used for the burial of cremated remains.

A memorial may be fixed on the foundation provided.

Burial in an existing family grave/pre-purchased grave

With the consent of the grave owner, cremated remains may be buried in a casket within a grave or poured under the surface of a grave.

Collecting for Private Disposal

Cremated remains may be removed from the Crematorium in order that final arrangements may be made at a later date.

Private arrangements may include scattering in a favourite place or sport ground (please note that permission of the landowner may be required), burial at sea or removal to another Crematorium or Burial Ground.

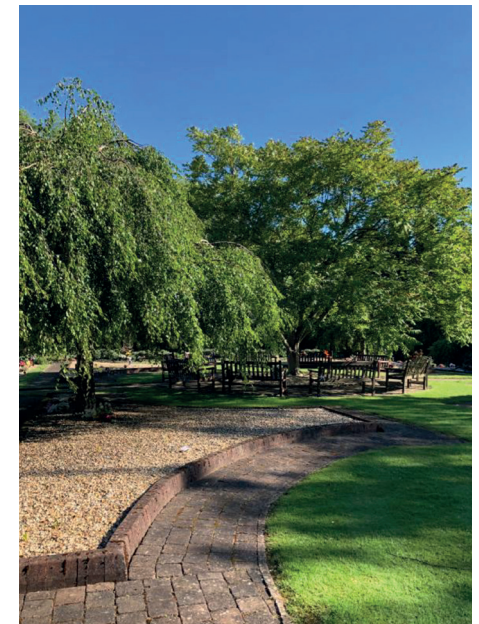
Scattering in the Memorial Rose Garden at St Helens Crematorium

There is a rose bed located within the Memorial Garden, where cremated remains can be strewn.

Although the location of the cremated remains may not be marked with personalised items, the rosebed is adjacent to Memorial Plaques mounted on the garden wall.

Scattering on the Memorial Garden lawn is also permitted in this area.

Floral tributes may be left on the flower bay provided, but these are removed weekly.



Scattering in the Garden of Remembrance at Newton Cemetery

Scattering lawns are available at Newton Cemetery, Newton-le-Willows.

Although the location of scattered cremated remains cannot be marked with personalised items, granite memorial tablets are available on memorial towers in the Garden of Remembrance at Newton Cemetery.



Placing in a Crematorium walled niche at St Helens

Cremation walled niches are located in the Memorial Garden at St Helens Crematorium.

These consist of a chamber suitable for two placements of cremated remains covered by a granite tablet. The purchase cost of the niche includes the first opening and placement of cremated remains and the first five lines of inscription on the tablet, as well as provision of a flower holder.



Burial in the Garden of Remembrance at St Helens Crematorium

Cremated remains may be buried in the lawns which make up the Garden of Remembrance at St Helens Crematorium.

Cremated remains are poured under the lawn, and the lawn reinstated. Please note: it may not be possible to have future burials of relatives/friends within the same place or section.

The person making the funeral arrangements may arrange for the burial of the cremated remains to be witnessed by the family, friends or their representatives.

Floral tributes can be laid on the lawns but are removed weekly to facilitate grounds maintenance.



Placing in an above-ground vault (sanctum) at St Helens Cemetery

Above-ground vaults are located within the St Helens Cemetery extension. There are two types of sanctums available.

Sanctum 12 is a stand-alone columbarium made from polished grey granite. Each vault will hold two caskets of cremated remains.

The front cover of the vault is blue pearl granite, inscribed with a silver inscription and can also include a design of your choice or photo plaque. A small vase may be attached to the Tablet for an additional cost.

Sanctum 2000 is situated within a curved circle feature. Each vault will hold two caskets of cremated remains. The front cover of the vault is blue pearl granite, inscribed with a silver inscription and can also include a design of your choice or photo plaque. There is a flower vase incorporated at the base of each vault.

The purchase cost of a Sanctum includes the first interment and upto 80 letters of inscription.



Types of Memorials

Memorial Plaques

Memorial Plaques are available in the Memorial Garden at St Helens Crematorium. Memorial Plaques are a lasting form of memorial to a loved one, the plaques are manufactured from bronze-coloured, powdered coated aluminium and are face-engraved with lettering filled white. A range of emblems are available which may serve to enhance the chosen inscription. They are then securely fitted into the wall-mounted frame.

The plaques will be placed in the frame two to four weeks from order, they are on a ten-year lease which is then renewable. Details of prices, advice and application forms are available from the office or via the website www.sthelens.gov.uk



Memorial Seats

Memorial seats are available for lease within St Helens and Newton Cemeteries. The high-quality hardwood seat is supplied with a bronze plaque, up to two additional plaques may be purchased at an additional cost. These can be purchased on a 10 year lease or on a shared option. A plan of available locations can be provided.



Memorial Trees

Memorial trees are available for lease within the St Helens Cemetery and Crematorium grounds. The type of tree and location is subject to availability at the time of application. A bronze plaque is supplied and placed at the base of the tree. Up to two additional plaques may be purchased at an additional cost. The trees are available on a ten year lease.



Book of Remembrance

A Book of Remembrance is available to provide a long lasting record and memorial of loved ones who have either been cremated or buried. The books are placed in either St Helens Chapel of Remembrance or Newton Cemetery Chapel (your choice of Chapel should be indicated on the application form).

The book is handmade throughout and is bound with the finest materials, offering the same degree of permanence and artistic excellence as the best examples of medieval illuminated manuscripts.

A page is provided each day of the year and the book will remain open at the appropriate pages so the inscriptions may be seen on the anniversary of the date, for many years until the book is full; after which, it will always be preserved and available for reference.

Relatives and friends may have memorial inscriptions written in the Book of Remembrance under either the date of death or the date of your choice. Such inscriptions should comprise 2,5 or 8 lines, the first line being name only and others for the dates and epitaph of your choice. A range of emblems are available with 3 to 8 lines entries, which may serve to enhance the chosen inscription. No more than 33 letters or figures are allowed per line.

Some examples are shown above, and advice and assistance is available from the Bereavement Services Team at the Cemetery and Crematorium Office.

Miniature Books and Memorial Cards

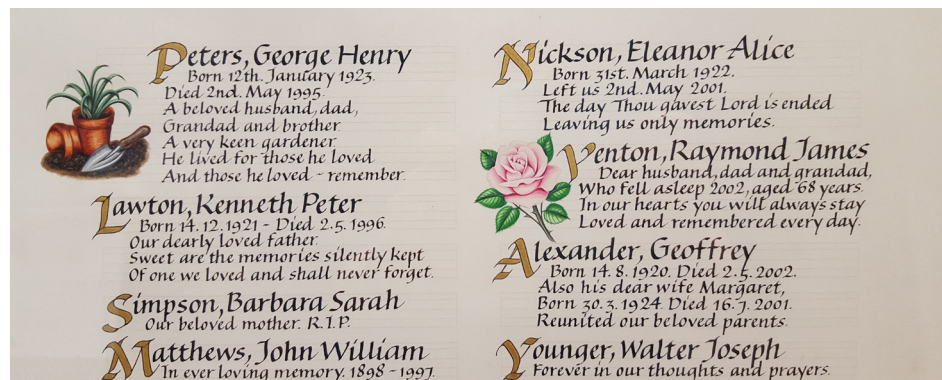
Miniature Books and Memorial Cards are also available, which are particularly suitable for sending to relatives and friends or as a keepsake for loved ones. Inside the books/cards will be a handwritten copy of the entry placed in the Book of Remembrance.

The Miniature Books have a black hardback cover with a gold cross designed on the front cover. There are blank pages inside the book that allow for further inscriptions as and when required.

The books are sent direct to the applicant and are delivered in a presentation box.

The Memorial Cards have a white front cover with an embossed flower and embossed words 'In Memory' under the flower. Inside the card on the front sheet are the words 'And so shall we keep them in remembrance'. The inscription is then handwritten on the following page. The cards are in a clear perspex wallet and sent in a white envelope direct to the applicant.

Copies of the above are available to view at the Crematorium Office.



Memorial Tablets

Memorial Tablets are located on towers in the Garden of Remembrance at St Helens and Newton Cemeteries.

The tablets are made of granite with inscriptions inlaid with gold leaf and are available on a ten-year renewable lease basis.

The lease, allowing a tablet, expires on the tenth anniversary of the date it was issued.

A reminder notice is sent to the last address of the leaseholder one month prior to the expiry date.



Cremation Plot Memorials

Cremation plots are miniature graves located at St Helens and Newton Cemeteries.

Headstones may, on application to the authority, be fixed on the foundation provided.

A stonemason may advise you regarding your particular requirements and make any formal application to fix on your behalf.

St Helens Cemetery

The current graves available hold up to 4 interments of cremated remains, and have a planted border in front of the foundation base, no extended garden personalisation is permitted on these graves. Only plastic flower flutes will be permitted in the border area.

Newton Cemetery

The current graves available hold up to 6 interments of cremated remains.

Keepsakes & Jewellery

A variety of keepsakes & jewellery options are available. Samples are on display within the Cemetery and Crematorium Office.



Types of Caskets & Urns

Caskets & Urns can be purchased from the Cemetery and Crematorium Office. Samples are on display to assist you.



Further Information and Help

The appropriate application forms for all types of memorials are available at the Cemetery and Crematorium Office or online at www.sthelens.gov.uk. Examples of memorials within this booklet are also available to view on request at the Office.

For further details or information concerning any of the choices contained within this booklet or for any other help, please contact a member of the Bereavement Service Team by telephone or personal visit.

The team are located at:

The Cemetery and Crematorium Office (exit side of the Crematorium)
Rainford Road, St Helens WA10 6DF

Telephone: 01744 677406 or 677407 or 677405

Email: sthelenscemetery@sthelens.gov.uk
sthelenscrematorium@sthelens.gov.uk

Opening Times

St Helens Cemetery and Crematorium Office

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm

St Helens Chapel of Remembrance and Memorial Gardens

November to February 9.00am to 4.00pm

March to April 9.00am to 5.00pm

May to August 9.00am to 7.00pm

September to October 9.00am to 5.00pm

Open Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays from 10.00am

Newton Chapel of Remembrance

Open daily 10.00am to 4.00pm





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