**A summary of the Church of England Churchyard Regulations**

*We are sympathetic both to the many different ways people want to commemorate their loved ones and to the need to keep the appearance of the churchyard acceptable to everyone. These can be in conflict because everyone wants different things. So there are regulations which strike a balance. They are not made by us, but we have to stick to them – and they are helpful because everyone knows where they stand. The regulations are published online, and are summarised below.
Revd Simon Taylor*

1. Trees and shrubs can only be planted with permission.
2. No artificial flowers except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths. They must be removed within two months.
3. Wreaths and cut flowers must be removed when they wither. Empty vases must be removed.
4. No lighting is allowed.
5. Up to 3 toys or similar objects may be left for 12 months from the date of interment but must then be removed.
6. Any artificial flowers or memorabilia which do not comply with the Regulations and which have not been authorised will be removed.