

## **A policy on burials in the churchyard:**

### **Gosfield and Greenstead Green PCC.**

#### **A- Coffin burials**

In normal practice, where there is space, the following persons might expect to be buried within the parish church yard.

1. Individuals who live within the confines of the parish boundaries.
2. Individuals who are active members of the congregation and on the electoral roll.
3. Individuals who are to be buried within the same plot as a family member already buried in the church yard.
4. Individuals who have lived within the parish boundary for a large part of their life and have moved out of the area for reasons of care.

#### **B-Burial of cremated remains**

The nature of the burial of cremated remains gives slightly greater flexibility. This will normally take place within the boundary of the defined 'Garden of Remembrance'. The only exception being remains that are to be placed in the plot where a family member is already buried. In normal practice, where there is space, the following persons might expect to have their cremated remains buried within the parish church yard.

1. Individuals who live within the confines of the parish boundaries.
2. Individuals who are active members of the congregation and on the electoral roll.
3. Individuals who are to be buried within the same plot as a family member already buried in the church yard.
4. Individuals who have lived within the parish boundary for a large part of their life and have moved out of the area for reasons of care.
5. Individuals that have for an extended period of time had a strong link with the parish church.

Remains will not normally be buried in a casket.

Where there is difficulty coming to a decision about the appropriateness of a burial the matter will be discussed with the standing committee of the PCC.