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To whom it may concern

Info and fees for a burial in St. Swithin's Churchyard during 2022

Thank you for enquiring about a burial in St. Swithin's churchyard. We hope that it will be a peaceful and holy place for you or relatives to come and remember in the years to come.

Anyone who: lives in the ecclesiastical parish; has done so for six months; has close relatives who were married here or are buried in the churchyard; was christened/baptised or married in the parish; or living outside the parish has habitually attended St. Swithin's for a minimum six month period - is entitled to be buried in the churchyard.

A burial takes place immediately after a service in St. Swithin's or in the churchyard, and these arrangements need to be made with a funeral director.

The set Church of England and church council fees for 2022 are set out below:

£631 Church service (including fee payable to the diocese, parish, for utilities and a verger)
£300 Grave digger
£70 Organist (if required)

After the funeral service it is recommend that **a wooden cross** is purchased to mark the grave. Monumental masons and others can supply these. A **fee of £49** is payable to the church for this.

After a period of at least six months (ideally 9-12 months) **a headstone will need to be installed** by a monumental mason. There are important rules governing what types of headstone are permitted in our churchyard, they are available here - <https://www.holmesfieldchurch.org.uk/churchyard> - and your stonemason should have a copy of them. Once the design and wording are ready, the stonemason will need to use the diocesan form to make an application - if it is within the permitted regulations I will sign this off and work may proceed. The stonemasons would normally enclose **the set church fee of £150** for a new headstone when they submit the application. Obviously the stonemasons will charge their own fee for the materials, labour and installation.

Please note these fees if required:

£ 31 - an additional inscription on an existing grave
£ 79 - small vase, tablet, plaque or other marker (not permanently affixed to the gravestone)

Payments for the fees can be arranged through your funeral director, monumental mason or direct by cheque payable to 'Holmesfield PCC' or bank transfer to: Holmesfield PCC; Acc. No: 21770546; S/C: 05-08-03.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Vicar, St. Swithin's, Holmesfield