



The Churchyard

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

Seattle, Washington

“For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s possession”. – Romans 14:8

About the Churchyard

It is an ancient Christian custom to bury the dead in consecrated ground in or around a church building. With this tradition in mind, the St. John the Baptist Churchyard was developed and dedicated in 1984. It is modeled after similar churchyards at Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Olympia.

The churchyard is the landscaped area between the parish hall and the parking area, north and east of the narthex entry to the church, near the bell. The small space is a gentle and restful space which includes lovely landscaping, a stone bowl fountain, a prominent Celtic cross, two teak benches on stone slabs, and is lined on two sides with memorial markers.

The churchyard includes 600 burial plots. The individual plots are not marked nor are containers used for remains. The cremated remains are buried directly in the ground, in accordance with state and city codes. The location of each plot is maintained on a chart located in the church office. The names and dates of those buried in the churchyard are listed on a memorial plaque in the church narthex (entrance area).

The churchyard is available for the use of St. John the Baptist members and their families. Others may be also buried in the churchyard, with the consent of the Rector and Vestry.

Reserving a Plot

Application to reserve a churchyard plot may be made at any time. It is desirable that this be arranged before the need arises. You may request that two people be buried in a single plot.

A modest cost for burial provides for memorial markers and the perpetual maintenance of the churchyard. The price for one plot with one burial is \$250. The price includes one memorial marker. If it is desired that two burials be made in the plot, the price is \$300. This price includes two memorial markers.

Please note that no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Additional gifts may be made at any time to help maintain and support the churchyard.

To reserve a plot, please complete the Churchyard Reservation Form. For additional information about the churchyard, please contact the church office at 206-937-4545.