

# **FIRST GARVAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **CEMETARY RULES**

1. The Cemetery will be under the absolute jurisdiction of the Church Committee
2. The Cemetery will be, in the first place, for the use of the members of First Garvagh Congregation, but the Church Committee, at its discretion, may allow non-members the right of internment.
3. A member, for the purpose of these Graveyard rules is defined as: A) One who continuously subscribes to the Free Will Offering scheme. B) One having close affiliation with First Garvagh Presbyterian Church at the absolute discretion of the Graveyard Committee.
4. A non-member is defined as a person not included in the contributors' roll of First Garvagh Church.
5. Grave plots will be standard size 9 ft x 3 ft. Headstones, (including base), must not exceed the breadth of the grave plot, i.e. 3 ft.
6. The fee for each plot for non-members will be £500 with a £500 opening fee. The same re-opening fee will apply to the bridge street graveyard. Contributing members of First Garvagh will be charged £100 per plot with no opening or re-opening fee.
7. Contributing members shall be permitted no more than two plots without prior approval of the church committee, and in any case, no more than three plots.
8. Non-members shall only be permitted a single plot, with any additional plot being permitted at the discretion of the Church Committee.
9. From the published date of these rules, natural floral tributes only will be permitted on grave plots. To facilitate the cutting of grass and the general up keep of the cemetery, these tributes will be removed when the Church Committee decides that they have served their purpose.
10. All other tributes will be deemed temporary and may be removed at the discretion of the Committee, after the erection of a permanent headstone.
11. No memorial erections will be permitted in the cemetery without the prior approval of the Church Committee. Those wishing to make such erection will present plans for approval to the Secretary of the Committee. Grave surrounds or the planting of trees or shrubs will not be allowed.
12. A Cemetery sub-committee will have the power to sanction wording on head stones. Should any dispute arise, this will be referred to a meeting of the full 13 Church Committee whose ruling on the matter will be final.
13. The congregational Committee shall be at liberty, from time to time, to alter and update any or all of these rules, regulations and fees.
14. The Congregational Committee and Trustees shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any grave plot, or anything placed thereon. Neither will they be liable for any personal injury, occurring during the erection of any headstone or surround.
15. The Congregational Committee reserves the right to lay flat or remove unsafe memorial.