

## The Prayer

*God our Father,  
in loving care your hand has created us,  
and as the potter fashions the clay  
you have formed us in your image.  
Through the Holy Spirit  
you have breathed into us the gift of life.  
In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge  
of you and of one another.  
We claim your love today,  
as we commit these remains of (name) to their resting place,  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,  
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.  
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!*



# St Matthew's Memorial Garden

*For the Interment of Ashes  
and Memorial Plaque*

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**T**he St Matthew's Memorial Garden was built and opened in 2010 to complement the existing Graveyard and Church. The Graveyard is managed by the Trustees of St Matthew's, whilst the Parish oversees the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden is for the interment of the ashes of loved ones, using the Christian service from the Anglican Prayer Book. It is thus available to anyone wishing to use this beautiful site for that purpose.

## The Memorial Garden : The Ashes

The scattering or interment of ashes is the final part of a funeral service, after the Farewell and Committal. The understanding is of returning the mortal dust of our being to the dust of the earth, completing our earthly cycle of life. Christian faith proclaims resurrection and eternal life in the way of Christ himself, and thus we celebrate the onward Spirit of life.

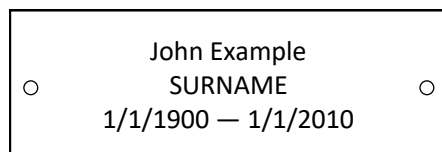
The ashes are to be delivered to the priest, preferably in a temporary container, prior to the service.

## Plaques

Plaques are ordered in a uniform style through the Parish Office. The cost is included in the fee. The wording is confirmed by the family before the order is placed. Plaques can take up to three weeks to be delivered.

For those wishing to reserve a plaque space beside a loved one, we insert a blank plaque until that time, and keep that detail in the parish office.

Plaques are laid out as follows:



## Fees

The fee for Interment of Ashes is \$800. This includes the Anglican Service from the Anglican Prayer Book officiated by the parish priest and the cost of the plaque. The Memorial Garden is cared for by Grovely Parish. Ongoing upkeep of the garden is funded by the fee.

Either the full fee or a deposit of \$400 is required at the time of booking.

## Application for Interment of Ashes

In the first instance, ring or email the parish (**3851 0526/office@grovelyanglican.org.au**). We then set a date for service, order the plaque and commence the paperwork.

