



DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD

LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE AN APPLICATION FOR A MEMORIAL CAN BE MADE

The current regulations as set out in the Churchyard Handbook are "No application should be made until at least six months after the date of burial, unless there are exceptional circumstances which the Chancellor may consider. No permission may be granted until six months has elapsed from the date of burial". This applies equally to the burial of a body and the interment of cremated remains.

Representations have been made concerning the date from which an application for a memorial may be made, following the interment of cremated remains, given that it is not unusual for the interment of cremated remains to take place sometime after the date of the cremation.

I have sought the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee which discussed the matter at their meeting on 30 April 2019.

Having considered the matter, I HEREBY DIRECT as follows:-

No application should be made for the introduction of a memorial, nor permission granted, until at least six months after the date of the burial or in relation to cremated remains six months from the date of cremation.

The Worshipful George Pulman QC
Chancellor

Date