



Sanctuary Garden



Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Sanctuary for Loved Ones



The Sanctuary Garden was created to provide an area of caring disposition of the cremated remains of loved ones. Designed as a place of living beauty, it invites people to come, not only for solace, but also for reflection, meditation, and quiet prayer.

The blessing and dedication of the Sanctuary Garden in memory of Phyllis L. Ferrone took place on Pentecost Sunday, June 11, 2000.

Contributions to the Memorial Endowment

Fund in Phyllis's name provided the funds necessary to construct the garden.

The garden is maintained and administrated by the Sanctuary Garden Committee, a team of devoted volunteers who donate hours during the summer months to keep the garden looking its best.

A Sanctuary for The Living

Come visit the Sanctuary Garden yourself and experience an island of tranquility in the midst of our hectic world.

As you step into the garden, the sounds of traffic fade away and the interplay of sunlight and shadow creates an ideal environment for meditation and memories. Inviting garden benches are set among harmonious plantings, and a gently bubbling fountain provides background music...here is a place to refresh the spirit and comfort the soul.

Beautiful in every season, the garden features a variety of graceful trees, ornamental shrubs, flowering plants, grasses and ground covers—all chosen for their compatible scale and pleasing palette. Varied levels in the garden create a feeling of serenity and add to the visual interest, with a warm-toned brick path, natural stone accents, bluestone walks, and a low fieldstone wall surrounding the sunken central area. The garden is compact, tucked in beside the church, yet offers a sense of infinite space.

The Sanctuary Garden may be entered from the street, the church itself, and the handicapped parking area. Garden and church both are wheelchair accessible from the handicapped parking lot.

Guidelines

† Arrangements for interment may be made by filling out an application form that is available from the church office.

† The ashes shall be those of a member or former member of the church. Acceptance of non-member applications is at the discretion of the rector.

† As requests are received, they are referred to the rector for approval and for planning of a proper service.

† At the time of interment, the ashes are removed from the container and buried in the ground.

† An individual bronze nameplate engraved with the decedent's name and years of birth and death will be prepared and affixed to the Sanctuary Garden plaque within the Narthex of the church.

† A brick along the garden path will be engraved with the decedent's name and years of birth and death.

† The Sanctuary Garden is a professionally planned and designated place of beauty. No markers, bushes, trees or other artifacts may be added to the garden without approval of the Sanctuary Garden Committee and Vestry.

Funding for The Sanctuary Garden

A fund has been established for ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Sanctuary Garden. Funding comes from fees and donation.

Currently a fee of \$500 is payable upon approval of the application. This fee covers interment, nameplate, garden brick and perpetual care.

All applications and acceptances are preserved in a permanent file in the parish office of Christ Episcopal Church, Needham, MA.

For more information, please contact the church office at 781-444-1469 or [by email](#). Download the online application [here](#).