

The Registry of the Diocese of Blackburn

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Dear Incumbent & PCC Secretary

Petitions for Reservation of Grave Spaces

The Chancellor has directed that public notice must now be given in all petitions for reservation of grave spaces.

Previously he had accepted the approval of the Incumbent and the PCC to the proposed reservation as constituting the giving of sufficient public notice. However, he has now decided that this is not appropriate and accordingly public notices must be displayed inside and outside of the church for a period of 28 days to allow those who may wish to object to a petition an opportunity to do so.

The Registry will send the public notices to petitioners when we receive their request for an application form along with a covering letter which explains how the notices must be displayed.

I have also changed the application form to alert petitioners to the need to give public notice and to obtain more information about both the petitioner and the churchyard to assist the Chancellor in deciding whether to grant a Faculty. I understand that some of our old application forms may still be in circulation so please dispose of these if you have any in your possession.

If you are approached by an individual or a couple who are interested in reserving grave spaces in your churchyard please refer these enquiries to the Registry and we will ensure that the correct paperwork is sent out.

Should you require any further information about these changes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Crossley
Diocesan Registrar