Interment of Cremated Remains: St Augustine's Church, Locking.

The Churchyard at St. Augustine's was closed in 1983 for new burials. No new graves are allowed, however cremated remains can be interred in an existing family grave.

At that time a faculty licence was obtained from the Diocese of Bath and Wells to allow for plots for the interment of cremated remains with small memorial plaques in a defined area of the Churchyard, that being the North West corner by the tower.

The plots must comply with the Diocesan Churchyard Regulations. They may only be marked with a horizontal flat memorial plaque measuring no more than 450mm x 400mm laid just below the level of the surrounding grass. No other ornaments including flower vases are allowed.

In 2025 when the area by the tower became full, a faculty licence was granted by the Diocese for interment of cremated remains in an additional area in the North East corner of the Churchyard [New Area].

Due to the limited space available the use of this area for new cremation plots was granted subject to the following restrictions –

Interments in the area set aside under this faculty shall be limited to persons who at the date of death or for a period of at least 12 months during the preceding 5 years have been entered on the church electoral roll and who have also regularly attended public worship at St Augustine's church in Locking. The PCC defines regular attendance as generally once per month.

Reference: Consistory Court of the Diocese of Bath & Wells Faculty 2025-110423 dated November 17, 2025