## **Policy regarding Burial in Abram Churchyard**

- For a burial in a new grave or a burial of ashes in the garden of remembrance, then you must be
  - 1) A resident of the villages of Abram, Bickershaw or Bamfurlong at the time of your death, or
  - 2) To die in the parish of Abram,
  - 3) Be on the electoral roll of Abram St John the Evangelist Parish Church.
  - 4) The last permanent address before entering a residential home was in the villages of Abram, Bickershaw or Bamfurlong.
- In an existing grave, as long as there is space at the time of your death and any other family members, who
  might also have a claim to be buried in the grave, agree. Then a full burial or the burial the ashes, can take
  place.
- It is not possible to bury ashes in a new grave.
- Once a burial of ashes has taken place it is unlikely that a full burial would be possible.
- A non-resident of the villages of Abram, Bickershaw or Bamfurlong can be buried in an existing family grave providing any other family members, who might also have a claim to be buried in the grave, agree.
- It is not possible to reserve a grave space ahead of time
- Abram St John the Evangelist Parish Church operates a churchyard donation scheme. Participating in this does not guarantee a right for family members to be buried in a participating grave, as the above rules apply.

The ultimate decision about a burial in Abram Churchyard is the prerogative of the Vicar in consultation with the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.