

Church Grounds and Gardens Manual 2015

“DOING OUR BIT FOR THE MIRACLE OF CREATION”

Version 3 - 3rd March 2015

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Scope

This document describes the scope of work required to keep the grounds and gardens around the church clean, tidy and manageable.

Main Points to remember:

Remove all Ivy as often as possible

Kill all bind weed with glyphosate or constant weeding

Save all plants where possible and plant them in other parts of the garden*

Keep all large logs for Irma & Derek and put them between the garage wall & Health Centre fence.

* Denotes places plants will be removed from and where they can be moved to:

Beds along Grove Road fence

Border next to Church and corridor to sacristy

Aim – to simplify, improve & maintain the church grounds.

Starting from the Priests house and the gardens in between we follow the grounds clockwise around the church.

1. Parish House Gardens

Description:

Mostly laid to lawn.

Border along wall, full of bulbs, Yucca (donated by Phillipe James), Hebe, Forsythia, Spirea, Choisya, Euonymus, Clematis, sweet peas, Hypericum, Sweet William, Aquilegia & Fr Chris's Rose. Border in front of Parish house / Kitchen - lavender

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Long-term plan

Tidy bed along wall and get more trellis / Matting for sweet peas & Clematis.

Responsibility:

Helen Bailey



1a Herb Garden

Description:

Herb plants inc Mint, oregano, chives, fennel & Bay.

To do regularly:

Weed regularly
Kill Bind weed
Keep tidy

Long-term plan

Increase number and quality of herbs

Responsibility:

Helen Bailey



2. Fr Christopher's Garden

Description:

Full of plants donated and cared for by Irma:

To do regularly:

Weed regularly
Kill Bind weed
Keep tidy

Long-term plan

Irma has it all under control ☺

Responsibility:

Irma Shipman



3. NEW – Quiet / Prayer area

Description:

Many plants have been removed to make way for a Prayer Labyrinth or Quiet Prayer area. Plants include Buddleia, Holly, Grasses & Lilac

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Kill Bind weed

Prune 1 x per year in Autumn after flowering

Long-term plan

Move grasses & any other plants that are moveable, to other parts of the garden.

Prayer Labyrinth

Responsibility:

Brenda Pond & David Whitaker



4. Path Entrance to Priests Houses

Description:

Was Full of plants blocking path way, now cleared

Long-term plan

Keep weed free and gravel / Membrane

Responsibility:

Mary McCreedy



5. Church Side Of Car Park

Description:

Holly, Euonymus, Hypericum, Cotoneaster, Buddleia and other plants

To do regularly:

Weed regularly esp around walls of car park

Long-term plan

Slowly remove Holly and other plants and replace with Euonymus, Hypericum & Cotoneaster

Responsibility:

Anne Collins & David Wilson



6. Bushes Ramp From Car Park

Description:

Box Hedging

To do regularly:

Prune regularly when growing

Long-term plan

Slowly remove all Holly & Beach from the bushes and replace with the same hedging

Responsibility:

Brenda Pond & David Wilson



7. Scout Hut

Description:

Grass

To do regularly:

Cut regularly

Long-term plan

None

Responsibility:

John Scott & Philippe James



8. Hall Wall & Car Park Entrance

Description:

Many Iris', Montbretia & Aquilegia

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Remove Litter

Water

Long-term plan

Increase number of plants and improve soil quality

Responsibility:

John Scott & Philippe James



9. Hall Wall & Grove Rd

Description:

Many Iris', Montbretia & Aquilegia

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Remove Litter

Long-term plan

Possibly replace plants with bushes to protect hall windows. Rosa Rugosa would be a great addition, as very prickly and has beautiful flowers.

Responsibility:

John Scott & Philippe James



10. Boundary Hall & Grove Rd

Description:

Large trees, shrubs and small plants

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Remove Litter

Weed Ivy vigorously

Long-term plan

Remove dead trees, increase plant cover to reduce weeds, remove ivy

Responsibility:

John Scott & Philippe James & David Wilson



11. Hall Wall Front & Nightingale Road

Description:

Rosemary, Iris', Roses to celebrate Confirmation and 1st Communion 2014, lawn, Daffodils & Crocus

To do regularly:

Weed regularly
Water regularly

Long-term plan

Remove border in middle of grass, level & seed
Improve soil quality
Potential to add a statue in front of tall glass windows

Responsibility:

Wanda Neeves
Statue – David Wilson



12. Border Hall & Nightingale Road

Description:

Shrubs, small plants & bulbs

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Remove Litter

Weed Ivy vigorously

Long-term plan

Increase plant cover to reduce weeds

Remove ivy

Responsibility:

TBC



13. Wall Nightingale Road & Front Door

Description:

Grass, bulbs and Silver Birch

To do regularly:

Mow regularly

Long-term plan

Improve grass quality

Responsibility:

TBC



14. Bushes Nightingale Road & Front Door

Description:

Hedge in corner of church Entrance, Bulbs near stair balustrade

To do regularly:

Prune regularly
Weed regularly

Long-term plan

Remove any other hedging that doesn't belong there.

Responsibility:

Brenda Pond



15. Mary & Peter's Rose bed

Description:

Roses donated by Mary & Peter, Primula, Pansies & Bulbs

To do regularly:

Prune roses, in autumn after flowering
Weed & water regularly

Long-term plan

May need to move so that we can gain access behind the priests' house and sacristy gardens

Responsibility:

Wanda & Ron



16. Corner of Church & Nightingale Rd.

Description:

Rose donated by Pat Kearney, Pansies, Sweet William & Daffodil bulbs

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Water

Long-term plan

Improve soil quality

Increase number of plants in border to maintain yearlong coverage

Responsibility:

Wanda & Ron



17 Nightingale Road Front

Description:

Hyperricum Variety and trees

To do regularly:

Remove Ivy

Keep shrubs low

Long-term plan

Remove Ivy

Reduce width of bed and add grass seed..

Mimi is happy to take any Hyperricum that we don't need.

Responsibility:

TBC



18 Bonfire Area

Description:

Shrubs and trees.

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Remove Ivy

Long-term plan

Cut back bushes and create a more pleasant area. Query a private praying area / Labyrinth

Responsibility:

Helen Bailey



19 Sacristy Gardens

Description:

Roses, Apple trees, daffodils, snow drops, Mahonia, & Cotoneaster,

To do regularly:

Weed regularly
Keep bushes trimmed

Long-term plan

Use plants from other parts of the garden to flesh out the beds and reduce weeds.
Apple trees need pruning in January / February

Responsibility:

Helen Bailey



20. Wall of Priests' house

Description:

Roses, Hydrangea, pansies & Golden Rod

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

Dead head roses in summer

Long-term plan:

Flesh out borders to reduce weeds

Responsibility:

Anne Collins

**Description:**

Wisteria, Grasses, Fir & Grasses

To do regularly:

Weed regularly

remove brambles & Ivy

Keep bushes tidy and under control

Long-term plan

Keep tidy, Create support for wisteria to grow along the parish house.

Responsibility:

Anne Collins



20 Behind Parish House

Description:

Walled area with trees, cotoneaster, firs and shrubs

To do regularly:

Weed regularly
remove brambles & Ivy
Keep bushes tidy and under control

Long-term plan

Reduce height of all plants, tidy trees, remove brambles & Ivy. Create designated area for compost, hide with fence panels

Responsibility:

Helen Bailey



21 Side of house and Health Centre fence

Description:

Over grown with Holly, shrubs bulbs and ivy.

To do regularly:

Keep weed free,
Remove Ivy
Make Beach more Hedge like.

Long-term plan

Remove all plants along the side of the Parish house and spread around the gardens.
Lay weed membrane and either slabs or gravel

Responsibility:

Helen Bailey



**Thank you to all our helpers for your support and hard work
in keeping the gardens manageable and beautiful.**