

JOIN THE FRIENDS

By joining the Friends of the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground, you will strengthen our influence and help us achieve our aims and objectives.

As a member, you will receive regular updates and news about the burial ground and any projects the Friends are undertaking (usually via email to reduce costs).

You will also be eligible to attend and vote at Friends meetings.

Subscriptions are a minimum of,
Individual: £10 pa. Household: £15
(£5 for concessions on application)

Please fill in the form below or send your details via email to the Secretary and send a cheque made payable to 'Friends of the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground'

Email:

friendsofparishascensionburial@yahoo.co.uk

Secretary of the Friends, c/o Parish Office,
St Giles' Church, Castle St.,
Cambridge, CB3 0AQ

I would like to become a Friend of the Parish of the Ascension Burial ground.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I enclose a cheque for £10/£15/other amount

Signature:

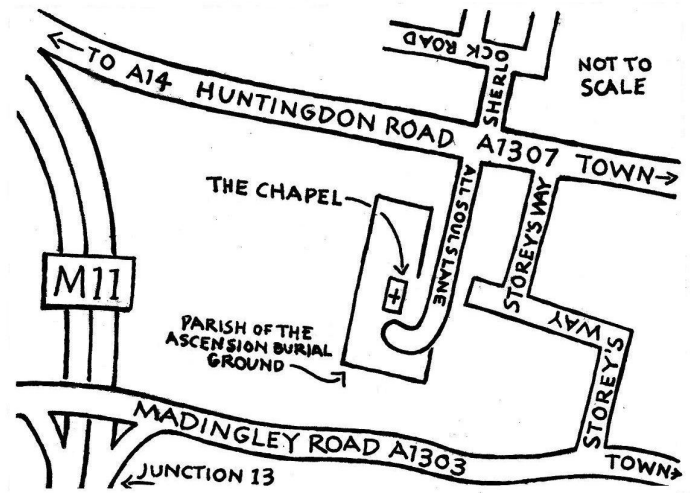
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LOCATION

The burial ground is on All Souls Lane, the entrance to which is between nos. 145 and 147 Huntingdon Road. There is no access for vehicles so please do not bring your car down the Lane.

Buses Citi 5 & 6 run frequently from the city centre to Huntingdon Road.

The Chapel in the centre of the cemetery is the workshop of the stone and letter cutter Eric Marland. Please respect the peace and quiet of the burial ground and of its neighbours.



The drawings reproduced in this leaflet are those of Michal Barbus and the photograph was taken by Elena Agfanova; both commissioned by Eric Marland.

The burial ground is part of the
Parish of the Ascension, Cambridge
Website: <http://www.churchatcastle.org>
Tel: 01223 315000 Email: office@churchatcastle.org
Parish Office: St Giles' Church, Castle Street
Cambridge CB3 0AQ

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND, CAMBRIDGE (formerly St Giles' parish burial ground)



The Friends of the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground aim to protect and enhance the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground for the public benefit as a place of remembrance, spirituality, history and nature.

OUR AIMS



- To protect and enhance the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground for the public benefit as a place of remembrance, spirituality, history and nature.
- To ensure continued public access to, and to increase awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of, the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground within the local community and the wider city.
- To speak and act with Cambridge City Council and other organizations on behalf of all who care for the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground, particularly those who cherish memories of those buried there.

BRIEF HISTORY

The burial ground was opened in 1869 when the population of Cambridge, as with most Victorian cities, had grown dramatically. The parish of St Giles covered a large area to the north and west of the River Cam within which many scholars, scientists and university staff lived and worked. Thus the burial ground contains the graves of three Nobel prize winners, seven members of the Order of Merit, eight college masters, fifteen knights of the realm and thirty-nine people with entries in the Dictionary of National Biography. It is an ecumenical burial ground, containing not just Anglicans but Non-Conformists and those of many other faiths. The age span of those buried is from one hour to over 104 years.

Perhaps the best known and most visited grave is that of Ludwig Wittgenstein, one of the most important philosophers of the 20th century. The historian Dr Mark Goldie (author of 'A Cambridge Necropolis') has suggested that there is probably '...more IQ lying in this acre than in any other in the country.' In any case, the burial ground is a remarkable and historic site.

Despite the continued growth of the City of Cambridge, the burial ground has remained an oasis of calm and tranquillity, one of the city's 'secret' places. With housing and university development now about to encircle the cemetery, the Friends group has been established to serve as a voice for all who care about this special and unique place.

For further information about the Friends or to contact the group, please use our email or write to the Secretary, c/o Parish Office (address overleaf)

Email:

friendsofparishascensionburial@yahoo.co.uk



There are also Friends Groups for the other burial grounds in Cambridge, Histon Road and Mill Road. All the Friends groups in Cambridge are aiming to work more closely together to protect and raise awareness of the importance of these burial grounds.

Friends of Histon Road Cemetery:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.net/organisation/friends-of-histon-road-cemetery/10512.aspx>

Email:

friendsofhistonroadcemetery@yahoo.co.uk

Friends of Mill Road Cemetery:

<http://www.millroadcemetery.org.uk>

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