

St Mary's Garden of Remembrance

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St Mary's Garden of Remembrance

was established in 1952 under the inspiration of Canon E F Cooper.

The first Garden of its kind in Victoria, it remains an ongoing witness to the Christian hope of the Resurrection to life everlasting through our Lord Jesus Christ.

St Mary's combined with St Clement's Elsternwick in 2014 to create the new parish of Oaktree Anglican Church. St Mary's Garden of Remembrance remains the perpetual name.

A **Book of Memory** is kept in the Jane Chapel in the church as a permanent record of all whose ashes are interred in the garden.

The Garden is available for members of all Christian denominations.

A donation of \$1,100 is requested for the interring of ashes.

Of this, \$100 is applied for preparing the Book of Memory entry and other costs associated with the interment. The remainder of the donation is used to care for the Garden, which is kept open to the public at all times, and offers a quiet place for rest and reflection.

Further donations to the Garden of Remembrance Fund can be made at any time. Bequests to the Fund are most welcome, as a way of providing for the Garden to be maintained in perpetuity. The costs of maintaining and watering the garden have increased greatly in recent years.

To arrange for ashes to be interred, please send us the completed Application Form, and contact the church office to arrange a suitable time for the ceremony.

I am pleased that Oaktree Anglican can provide this service to you and your family in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

You are also most welcome to worship at St Mary's at any time. I can commend to you our 9am Sunday service, which preserves a traditional Anglican style of worship, or our 10.30am Sunday service, which is more contemporary in style.

The Reverend Dr Mark Durie

