[9]. The Regulations were made on 22 September 2025 and came into operation on that date. They provide as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR THE OLD CHURCHYARD OF ST HELEN, BENSON

dated 22 September 2025

Whereas:-

(1) the Rector of the Benefice of Benson with Ewelme has applied to the Chancellor (with the full support of the Parochial Church Council) for supplemental regulations for the old churchyard on the north side of Church Road so as to restrict the authority delegated to the minister to approve, without a faculty, the materials of monuments introduced into the old churchyard and the inscriptions to be included on all new monuments and ledger stones; and

(2) the Chancellor has consulted the Archdeacon and the Diocesan Advisory Committee before making make the supplemental regulations that follow:

The Chancellor now makes the following special regulations for the old churchyard of St Helen, Benson on the north side of Church Road, as shown edged green on the attached plan:

1. The Churchyard Regulations 2016 made by the Chancellor for the Diocese of Oxford on 8 November 2016 ('the Diocesan Regulations') are to have effect in relation to the old churchyard of St Helen, Benson on the north side of Church Road, as shown edged green on the attached plan, subject to the following modifications.

2. All new monuments introduced into the old churchyard are to:

> **a**. be made only of either York sandstone, or of Purbeck, or of Portland, or of Nabresina stone, of a type to be approved in advance, and in writing, by the minister;
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> **b**. be fixed in place under the surface, and are not to include a 'lawn-style' base; and
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> **c.** otherwise conform entirely to the Diocesan Regulations.

3. All inscriptions to be included on all new monuments and ledger stones introduced into the old churchyard are to use only formal descriptions for family relationships of the deceased (such as 'mother', 'father', 'daughter', 'son', 'granddaughter', 'grandfather', 'great-grandmother', 'great-grandfather', and so forth) rather than abbreviations, pet names or terms, or familial terms of endearment.

4. The Diocesan Regulations are to continue to have full force and effect in relation to the new churchyard of St Helen, Benson on the south side of Church Road, as shown edged red on the attached plan.

5. These Regulations come into operation on the day on which they are made.

These Regulations are made on 22 September 2025

David Hodge KC

Chancellor

Explanatory Note

No one has the legal right to place any kind of memorial in any churchyard without the authority of a faculty. The Chancellor of the Diocese, however, delegates to the incumbent minister of each parish the power to authorize the introduction of any memorial that meets certain specified criteria. These are set out in the Churchyard Regulations for the Diocese of

Oxford. The Rector and the Parochial Church Council have requested the Chancellor to make supplemental regulations for the old churchyard on the north side of Church Road so as to restrict the authority delegated to the minister to approve, without a faculty, the materials of monuments introduced into the old churchyard, and also the inscriptions to be included on all new monuments and ledger stones.

However, it will still be open to anyone seeking to introduce a monument or ledger stone into the old churchyard which does not comply with these supplemental regulations to apply to the Chancellor for a faculty to permit its introduction into the old churchyard. Equally, the minister may, in his or her discretion, continue to decline to authorise the introduction of a monument or ledger stone or inscription despite the fact that what is proposed complies with the provisions of the Diocesan Regulations and these supplemental regulations.