

## Memorial Garden



On October 13, 1996, our Suffragan Bishop Andrew Smith consecrated a newly established memorial garden next to the church and the rectory. The garden enhances the beauty of our property and provides a peaceful spot for meditation and reflection. Members of Trinity Church may make arrangements to have their ashes interred in the Memorial Garden. The National Church supports cremation. ***"When our earthly bodies are no longer needed, they may be laid to rest in any respectful manner."***

Jesus often went to a quiet place to pray and to receive refreshment for His soul and spirit. We pray that those who come here may be touched by the Holy Spirit, may be healed and strengthened and may go out from here to serve Him in the world.

A place in the garden may be reserved anytime. Persons wishing to reserve a place for themselves or a deceased relative should contact the church office. They will be given a copy of the bylaws, an application form and a list of suggested fees involved. Those fees should be paid at the time a place is reserved. A certificate will be issued that will ensure that the wishes of the person are implemented.

At the discretion of the family, loose cremains may be buried in a specific spot or they may be scattered among the beautiful plantings. A flagstone engraved with the name and dates may be purchased if desired. Donations to help cover maintenance of the Garden may be made, or a flagstone may be purchased in memory of a loved one. The names of the donor and those they are honoring will be listed in the Memorial Garden Book in the church narthex. The names of those interred in the Garden will be engraved in brass on the Memorial Garden Plaque in the narthex of the church.

The plans for cremation should be made with a funeral director. Arrangements for the funeral service should be made with the Rector in a timely fashion.