



Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, Charity Number SC008540

MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY

Dear Lair Holder / Family,

We appreciate that it is a difficult time going through bereavement and the distress of losing a loved one is never easy. However, we need to bring to your attention, prior to choosing a coffin, Cemetery restrictions on coffin types and sizes.

Please be aware that the Cemetery was established in 1895 and the calculations for each lair and coffin dimensions were based on the calculations at that time. Many lair holders pre-purchased Certificate of Right of Burial and at that time traditional standard coffins were the norm – they were standard sizes and appropriate.

In the mid-1990s more elaborate coffins were introduced by coffin makers. Whilst a modern-day cemetery may accommodate additional width or height, at Mount Vernon this is not possible as it is an old cemetery and restricted on size.

We do not have space to increase lair sizes and therefore are unfortunately unable to accommodate the following:

- **Last Supper Coffins**
- **Wicker Coffins**
- **Bamboo Coffins**
- **Banana Coffins**
- **American Caskets**
- **Metal Caskets**
- **Wooden Caskets**
- **or similar to above**

We are aware that a few of the above types can be quite compact and, in these cases, we will evaluate and consider, providing your Funeral Arranger has brought this to our attention prior to you committing to purchase of a coffin.

Standard sizes for Mount Vernon - Coffin height no more than 14 inches flat lid (consideration will be given to slightly higher if last coffin burial or no more than two coffins in one lair), width no more than 25 inches without prior consultation.

Please contact the Cemetery Manager on 0131 623 8906 if you wish to discuss further and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.