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Please contact us if you would like information about the different types of memorials available in the Gardens of Remembrance.



General Information

Canley Garden Cemetery and Crematorium Gardens are open throughout the year as follows:

Summer:

April – September 8.30am – 9.00pm

Winter:

October – March 8.30am to 5.00pm



Stained Glass Window Charter Chapel

In order to keep the appearance of the crematorium Gardens of Remembrance in a pleasant condition, we reserve the right to periodically inspect and remove any floral tributes.

We respectfully ask that only cut flowers are placed in the Gardens of Remembrance and that ALL wrapping and cellophane is removed and placed in the bins provided.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Coventry Bereavement Services

Canley Crematorium & Gardens of Remembrance



A Brief History

The first discussions of the need for a crematorium to serve the fast growing City of Coventry were at a meeting held in 1934. On 29th April 1938 the Ministry of Health approved the building of a crematorium and the establishment of a new cemetery at the same location. Work commenced on site in the late spring of 1939, but experienced delays almost immediately due to the onset of the 2nd World War, as there was a shortage of materials and skilled labour available. It was the air raids of 14th & 15th November 1940, which focused the attention on the need to complete the project.

On Tuesday 23rd February 1943 Alderman Emily Smith, J.P. the Worshipful the Mayor of Coventry, formally opened Canley Garden Cemetery and Crematorium.

The 1st cremation took place on 26th February 1943 some 3 days after the formal opening, and the 1st interment was carried out 27th March 1943.

As an ongoing effort to improve services delivered to the citizens of Coventry a project commenced on site to build an additional chapel on to the existing crematorium building. Work started to construct Cannon Hill Chapel 29th June 1992, and was completed on 12th May 1993.

The completion of the project has seen the transformation of a pre-war designed building to one that is now able to meet the demands and expectations of the bereaved of today.



Cannon Hill Chapel

There are two chapels available at Canley Crematorium, Cannon Hill and Charter; they each have their own driveway and car park which are named after the road you would use to access them.

Both chapels are available for funeral and memorial services. These bookings can be made through your Funeral Director or directly by yourself should you be coordinating your own funeral arrangements. The allocated time for a booking is 45 minutes. The chapels have a specialised music system available or you may wish to provide your own organist for the service.



Charter Chapel



Gardens of Remembrance

The Gardens of Remembrance consist of several different areas including the Traditional Rose Garden, Seasonal areas, The Pond and The Woodlands. The gardens are designed as a place of peace and tranquility. Following the cremation, you may wish for the cremated remains of your loved one to be strewn in the Gardens of Remembrance. These arrangements can be made through your Funeral Director or directly with Coventry Bereavement Services.



The Lily pond

Located in the Gardens are different types of memorialisation schemes designed as lasting tributes in memory of your loved one. (Please see the memorialisation booklet for more information).