Proposal to resume burials in the Churchyard surrounding All Saints' Church

Why are we proposing this
The Churchyard Extension, between The Street and Bromwell Leaze, is near capacity. Whilst the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been gifted the land between the south boundary of the Extension and the houses of the Estate Yard, it is taking longer than expected to secure the necessary permissions to use the land from Land Registry.

While permissions are sought and budgets for the necessary groundwork are being created, the PCC wish to resume burials in the Churchyard surrounding All Saints' Church.

Is it normal practice to reuse graves
Historically parish Churchyards were re-used for burials many times over. Graves then were unmarked. It is only in relatively recent times that it has become customary to bury earthly remains in coffins and, from the late eighteenth century to mark burials with memorials which preserve the identity of graves.

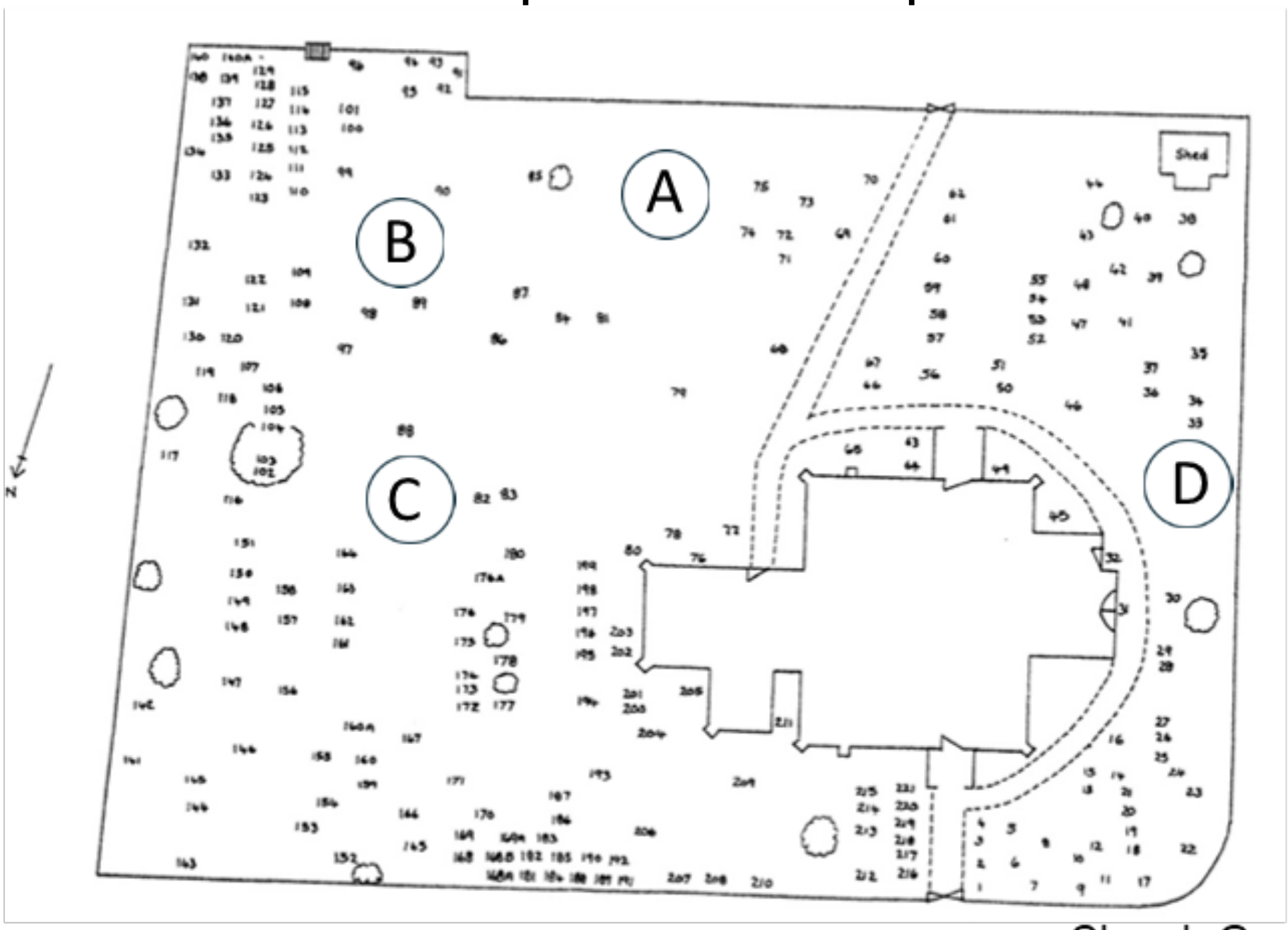
What is being proposed
The proposal is to resume burials in the four areas marked (A, B, C and D) on the following map. Burials will take place in the churchyard surrounding the church only until the additional land at the Churchyard Extension is ready to accept burials.

What grave plots we propose to use
We propose to reuse only unmarked plots where we believe no burials have taken place, or within the past 100 years; plots with headstones or other memorials will not be used or disturbed.

What if we discover a previously unknown grave
There is always a chance that a grave does not appear on our map of the churchyard. If, while digging a new grave, remains of a previous burial are discovered, we will stop digging, reinstate the site and mark it on our churchyard map.

Have your say
The PCC is keen to get the views of the parishioners, both those who attend All Saints' and those who live in the parish.
There are feedback forms for your comments and questions; please place your completed forms in the box near this display. This display will be available until 31 January 2027.

Proposed burial areas map



The numbers on the above map indicate known graves. Some have headstones or monuments, some are unmarked.



All Saints' Churchyard through the ages





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