

## **Statement (2)**

*Regarding the Churchyard of Saint Michael & All Angels, Barnes*

As you may be aware, an application was recently made to request that the pathway through the churchyard be redefined from a private footpath to a public right of way. Following due process and an exchange of information, the Council (following advice from its legal department) have decided not to redefine the path as a public right of way. It remains a private footpath, but we continue to welcome people to use it, courtesy of St Michael's. The occasions when it is necessary to close it, being very infrequent.

I would like to thank all those who have expressed their support for the Wardens and me in dealing with this matter over the last few months. I give thanks that the parish has shown, and will continue to show, hospitality, generosity and community spirit in welcoming local people to use the churchyard.

If you would like to know more about this matter, or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or the Wardens who will be happy to answer any questions.

*Vicar and Wardens of Saint Michael & All Angels, Barnes.  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018*