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# Get to know the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland!

**In addition to the Won Jeon and Burial Grounds, our Holy Oak Memorial Woodland has more to offer. It is a place to connect with nature and God.**

The Holy Oak Woodland is situated in a small quiet English village called Stanton Fitzwarren, only 1.5 hours' drive or 55 minutes by train from London. It includes both the Holy Ground and the Won Jeon in its lands. It is surrounded by beautiful nature where you can enjoy walks, observing wild life such as deer, muntjac, badger, rabbit, hare, fox, squirrel, among many others, and over 30 variety of birds. You can also just simply watch the beautiful sun sets and the night sky, enjoy a BBQ with friends and family or have a quiet meditating time in nature.

The Holy Ground is also the only holy ground in the world where Rev. Sun Myung Moon himself planted an oak tree when he established the holy ground in 1974. Since then, many members from all over the world have visited this spiritual place to offer prayers.

For more information please see below:

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# BLESSED FAMILIES



## HOLY OAK MEMORIAL WOODLAND



Opened on November 10th 2010, our burial site consists of an acre of land in the corner of a field overlooking the village of Stanton Fitzwarren, near Swindon. We are planning to provide for three hundred burials, although there might well be space for considerably more. The site is situated on the land that Henry and Avril Masters donated to our movement many of years ago and adjoining the Holy Ground that True Father created in 1974 while planting an Oak tree that lends its name to the burial ground.

We have chosen to have a memorial woodland burial ground with head stones laid flush with the ground, trees planted, and benches provided. This is because it will be most easily assimilated into the landscape.

We are most grateful and indebted to Keiko G. for managing the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland burial ground for so many years. Keiko was inspired in 2003 by True Father's words saying that Blessed couples should be bury in 'holy ground'. She invested herself in creating Stanton Fitzwarren into a beautiful space and a burial ground for our ascended members. The Holy Oak Memorial Woodland is the first and only Wonjeon in Europe.

In 2021, Keiko retired and Kumiko L. took over the management of the site.

### KUMIKO L.

HOLY OAK MEMORIAL WOODLAND MANAGER



### Practical Information Regarding The Holy Oak Memorial Woodland:

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Learn about the history of Holy Oak Hill, how it became the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland and general guidelines of use. [View the PDF here.](#)

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Read about the practical points regarding the Memorial Woodland such as how to visit the woodland, how to organise Seong Hwa ceremonies and additional advice. [View the PDF here.](#)

## The Burial Ground Terms And Regulations

The terms and regulations of Holy Oak Memorial Woodland. Necessary to read and understand if you desire to purchase a plot. [View the PDF here.](#)

## How To Buy A Plot

Read about the how to buy at plot of land at the Memorial Woodland and the costs involved. [View the PDF here.](#)

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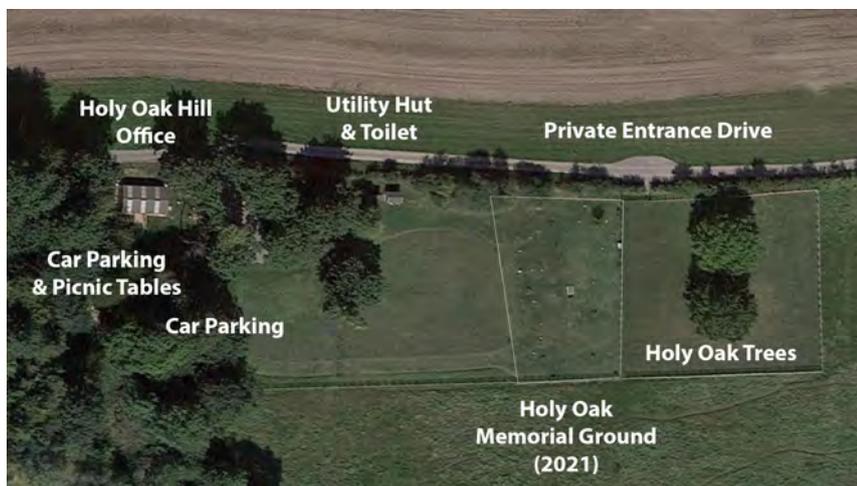
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## Holy Oak Hill

This area is part of the 530 acres of land in the village of Stanton Fitzwarren, which was donated in April 1973 by Henry and Avril Masters and family. The area is divided into the Holy Ground, the Memorial Ground and the woodland with the Holy Oak Hill Office.



## The Holy Ground

Looking down the hill is an oak tree which was planted by Rev Moon during his visit in February 1974. This Holy Tree is protected by a wooden fence. It has been used over the years as a place of prayer. Next to it is another oak tree, planted at the same time by Mr Henry Masters. Originally seven trees were planted in the shape of a cross, representing Christianity.



## Holy Oak Memorial Woodland

Further up the hill is the burial ground. This was opened in 2010 and dedicated to Unificationists who lived in Britain.

## Guideline of use of the Holy Oak Hill Office

The hall/office was made for the office purposes, a visitors/workers shelter, refreshments for after the won Jeon Ceremony, FFWPU meetings etc.

If anyone would like to hire the hall for a Seonghwa Ceremony, there is no charge for this but you will need to organise all preparations yourself and clear/clean up after it has been used.

What is available: x70 chairs, x2 tables, x2 kettles, gas stove (with gas provided). Microphone and speakers for indoor.

You will need to provide flowers, food, drinks and refreshments, cutlery and plates and water etc.



Flowers: If you would like to order some flowers, there is a local flower shop that can deliver the flowers to the Hall that has been used in the past many times. Their information can be found here: [www.purple-orchid.co.uk](http://www.purple-orchid.co.uk) please mention it is for the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland, Stanton Fitzwarren.

Also, I would strongly suggest to coming to see the hall/office building before hand so you can get a good idea of the preparations that will be necessary.

### **Won Jeon Ceremony**

All the preparations for interment will be organised and carried out by us. A small ceremony, song, prayer etc can be offered before internment. The attendants are may stay on site as long as they wish.



### **The Woodland**

The third area at the top of the hill is the woodland, with the Holy Oak Hill Office at the edge. Built by volunteers the building was opened in April 2019. There are photographs inside which show a record of the planting of the Holy Tree and some of the work done on the site.

The Sheepslight Woodland is 12 acres of natural beauty, an ideal place for private walks, camping and picnics. Deer, badgers, rabbits and squirrels can be spotted, as well as buzzards, red kites, pheasants, jays, and other woodland birds and wildlife.



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*Practical points regarding the use of the Memorial Woodland.*

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**On the day of the Seong Hwa ceremony at Holy Oak Memorial Woodland**

On your arrival at South Farm car parking, Trenchard Road, Stanton Fitzwarren (SN6 7RZ), there will be signs "FFWPU" which will lead you to Holy Oak Memorial Woodland.

Please inform to your Funeral Director, too.

**Visiting the Memorial Woodland**

You can visit the Memorial Woodland anytime, but the South Farm path to the Memorial woodland is open to us **on the burial day ONLY**.

\*No one is to enter South Farm for visits to the Memorial Woodland.

Instead, please drive through **Mill Lane** (post cord **SN6 7SA**) to the woodland path and follow the sign "FFWPU".

\*When you drive through South Farm and Woodland area, the maximum speed is strictly **5mph**.

**Seong Hwa Ceremony**

If you would like to hold a Seong Hwa Ceremony at the Holy Oak Hill Office, you will need to organise all necessary preparation by yourself.

You will need to provide flowers, food, drinks and refreshments, cutlery and plates and water etc. (There is no water supply in the Memorial Woodland)

The following items are available at the woodland: 70 chairs, 2 tables, 2 kettles, 2 gas stove (gas provided).

Flowers: If you would like to order some flowers, there is a local flower shop that can deliver the flowers to the Hall that has been used in the past many times.

Their information can be found here: [www.purple-orchid.co.uk](http://www.purple-orchid.co.uk)

Please mention it is for the Holy Oak Memorial Woodland, Stanton Fitzwarren.

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**The certification for burial**

In order to bury someone in England, a **Green Form (The certification for burial)** will be required. It is issued by an authority.

**Without the Green Form, the burial cannot take place legally.** Please make certain to obtain this green form and hand it to Kumiko upon arrival.

### **Extra costs**

Making the grave will cost from £250 (single grave) to £350 (vertical double grave) depending on the depth of the plot.

It is done by a local gravedigger, so please make sure that the money is paid in a week before the burial day at the latest.

The bank account details:

Account holder's name: Holy Oak Memorial Woodland – FFWPU (HOMW-FFWPU)

Account number: 13470636.

Sort code:20-68-15

### **Transferring the coffin to the Memorial Woodland**

Our advice is as follows:

There will always be help to move the coffin from family or friends, so you will only need to hire one driver to drive the hearse to the Memorial Woodland. Also, often, funeral directors will have a van to transport the coffin rather than a hearse.

\*If you do not specify that you do not need help with transporting the coffin, they will assume you need to hire 6 or 7 people from the Funeral service providers to help you move the coffin to the final resting place at Won Jeong. It can be very expensive (often, at least £500 or more)

To summarise: In order to minimise costs, you should specify that you only wish to pay for the hire of a hearse/van and one driver to the Memorial Woodland.

### **Others**

Please give my details to the Funeral Director:

Kumiko Large  
Holy Oak Memorial Woodland  
e-mail: [kumiko1@live.co.uk](mailto:kumiko1@live.co.uk)  
Mobile phone: 07986-737893

If you have any queries regarding burial or wish to discuss practical matters, please feel free to contact Kumiko at any time.

Thank you.

## *Holy Oak Memorial Woodland*

### The burial ground terms and regulations

This burial ground is managed by Stanton Fitzwarren Estate and the following regulations are made so as to enable the Estate to shape and preserve a natural area for the benefit of visitors and nature. The regulations are essential to maintain a proper respect for the deceased. There is a suitable comprehensive management and planting programme in order to create an area that is peaceful, pleasant, ecologically rich and a fitting memorial.

These regulations apply to the burial ground known as Holy Oak Memorial Woodland.

The burial ground is reserved for members of the Unification Church and residents of Stanton Fitzwarren Parish.

The burial ground is being developed to encourage a natural landscape; therefore the erection of any monument, kerb, fence or railing is not allowed nor is the placing of bird-boxes or seating, except as provided by the Estate management.

The burial ground is criss-crossed by a network of pathways. As some species of plants and birds are very sensitive to disturbance please keep to the paths at all times.

The Estate will remove any object placed in the burial ground that is judged to be inappropriate to the purpose of a natural burial ground.

We reserve the right to carry out any remedial work or to remove trees that are inhibiting the full development of the planting plan.

Picking of flowers or shrubs, or the unauthorised planting of any flowers, trees, shrubs or seeds is prohibited because it would prevent the regeneration of a natural landscape. Construction or maintenance of flower beds is not permitted. No naturally germinated seedlings, apart from bramble, thistle and nettle, may be weeded from the plots.

Children must be supervised by adults at all times.

Litter bins are not provided. It is expected that visitors will take their litter home, eg. ribbon or plastic wrappings left from bunches of flowers.

No grazing animals are allowed unless introduced by the management for conservation purposes.

An applicant may sell their plot to another Unification Church member, but must inform the estate of the transaction.

A plot will be licensed for permanent use.

Headstones should not be larger than 70cm x70cm and will lay flush with the ground.

Headstones (with or without a Unification symbol) and grave digging are not included in the plot price but could be arranged through the Estate Management, if requested.

The memorial Woodland is only for interment. We have no on site facilities for funeral services.

These should be arranged at some other location.

The estate will organise the transfer of the coffin from the South Farm car park to the burial ground.

To plant a memorial tree or place a memorial bench on the site would need to be agreed beforehand with the Estate management and purchased through the Estate.

The coffin should be of wood or alternatively, some biodegradable container or wrapping may be used. The use of plastic or other non-biodegradable material is not permitted.

Toxic chemicals are not allowed and therefore embalming is not permitted except in exceptional circumstances such as in the case of repatriation.

The management asks sincerely, that visitors treat the burial ground with care and respect.

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### *How to buy the plot*

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If you would like to buy a plot, please read the terms and regulations first.

Please make sure that you understand fully, then fill in the application form for a licence to occupy a burial space. It requires the hand-written signature (not digital signature or typing) on the form.

Please return the signed form to me by email or post it to the address at the bottom of this page.

#### **Plot price (for FFWPU members)**

• **A single depth plot : £850**

Traditionally, couples buy 2 single plots side by side.

• **A double depth plot : £1500** a couple share a vertical deeper plot.

Please indicate on the form which depth of plot you would prefer and pay accordingly. The payment can be either paid in full or by standing order 10 monthly instalments.

Account name- Holy Oak Memorial Woodland -FFWPU

Account number: 13470636

Sort code: 20-68-15

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact Kumiko Large.

Phone: 07986-737893

Email: [kumiko1@live.co.uk](mailto:kumiko1@live.co.uk)

Address: 35 Fullers Ave, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6ET

Thank you.

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## Ordering a Headstone

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We appreciate this is not always an easy process so if you have any queries, please contact Kumiko.  
Phone: 07986-737893 Email: kumiko1@live.co.uk

### **Recommended suppliers:**

● **Swindon Memorials** : [www.swindonmemorials.co.uk/](http://www.swindonmemorials.co.uk/) \*Small family business. Recommended.

● **Bartlett Brothers**: [www.bartlettmemorials.co.uk](http://www.bartlettmemorials.co.uk)

With both of the above options, please mention it is for Holy Oak Memorial Woodland, Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon. They know what is permitted here.

If you would like to use a different stone mason this is fine.

### **Below are the permitted options:**

- Type of stone: Granite - hard stone – recommended
- Shape of stone: Wedges & Desks (flat on ground) and no flower holder permitted.
- Size: 15 inch x 12 inch, 15 inch x 18 inch and up to 25 x 25 inch. Cost will depend on size of stone, wording and logos.
- You can include any symbol/logo or flowers, photos, birds and animal designs if you like.
- If you have a double plot grave: the stone is for you and spouse, so there will need to be space for both names to be added.
- If it is for a single plot grave - one stone for one person.

If you would like to use a stone mason that is not familiar with our set up here, you can send them this document as guide to help with choosing the correct headstone.

