

## DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

### GUIDANCE ON MEMORIALS

The erection of memorial plaques in church buildings will not normally be considered by the Chancellor of the Diocese until at least 5 years have passed since the death of the person in question. Once the 5-year period has elapsed the case for a memorial would need to be firmly established before the Chancellor would grant a faculty. To justify a memorial, it would normally be necessary to show that the person whom the memorial would commemorate was of local or national importance or a significant benefactor of the church. Of prime importance are the quality and the scale of the memorial, which must be in keeping with the church.

It should also be noted that where the memorial is an item such as a window or piece of furniture which is given in memory of a named person, whose life is referred to on the item itself, then the primary consideration will be the necessity and/or appropriateness of the item itself and the relative importance of the person remembered thereby will be a lesser consideration in the decision as to whether the faculty should be granted.