

# st john's hoxton

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## TRANSCRIPTION OF CHURCHYARD AGREEMENT DATED 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1899

*(Pertinent details of agreement underlined towards the end of the text.)*

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### The Vicar & Churchwardens of St John's Church (Hoxton) and The Vestry of the Parish of St Leonard Shoreditch. Agreement for laying out and keeping in order the Churchyard of Saint John Hoxton

This Indenture made the twenty ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine between the Reverend Eric Maurice Farrar Vicar of Saint Johns Church Hoxton in the county of London Richard Long of 67 New North Road Hoxton and William Thomas Hosey of 40 Herbert Street Hoxton aforesaid Churchwardens of the said Saint Johns Church Hoxton of the one part and The Vestry of the Parish of Saint Leonard Shoreditch (hereinafter called the Vestry) of the other part whereas the parties hereto have verbally agreed that the Vestry shall lay out and maintain forever the Churchyard of the said Church of Saint John Hoxton as a Public Garden in accordance with the provisions of the Open Spaces Acts 1877-1890 and that the Reverend Eric Maurice Farrar as owner of the said Churchyard with the concurrence of the said Richard Long and William Thomas Hosey should consent to the Vestry doing all acts necessary for the purpose subject to the License or Faculty of the Lord Bishop of London and whereas upon motion of the said Faculty or License on the twenty seventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine it was ordered by the Worshipful Chancellor Thomas Hutchinson Trisham that the said License or Faculty should issue subject inter alia to the said Agreement being reduced into writing and filed in the Consistorial Court of the Diocese of London now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Reverend Eric Maurice Farrar Richard Long and William Thomas Hosey in pursuance of the said Order and by virtue of Section 4 of the Metropolitan Open Spaces Act 1881 and every other power or authority in anywise enabling them in the behalf do hereby agree that subject and without prejudice of the jurisdiction and orders of the Consistorial Court of the Diocese of London the said Vestry and their successors shall have and possess the perpetual right to plant and lay out and maintain forever the Churchyard of the said Church of Saint John Hoxton as public gardens and an open space in accordance with the provisions of the Open Spaces Acts 1877-1890 subject to any extension or enlargement of the edifice of the Church upon or over any part of the said Churchyard nevertheless upon trust to allow and with a view to the enjoyment by the Public of such Churchyard in an open condition free from buildings excepting Caretakers Shelter Tool Shed and Greenhouses and under proper control and regulation and for no other purpose and the said Vestry hereby for themselves and their successors covenant with the said Reverend Eric Maurice Farrar Richard Long and William Thomas Hosey and their successors that they the said Vestry will maintain and keep the said Churchyard in proper order and condition and the walls railings gates and fences around and in the same in good order and condition and will keep a Caretaker to maintain order in such grounds at all times when open to the public and will take necessary steps by prosecution or otherwise to prevent damage being done by any person using the said Churchyard to the windows or fabric of the Church and if any such damage be done shall take all proper steps to prosecute any persons committing the same in witness whereof the parties hereto have herewith set their hands and seals and the said Vestry has caused their Common Seal to be affixed the day and year first above written.