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TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES

FROM 1 JANUARY 2025

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The main fees that are currently payable by law (excluding 'Extras' – see Note 1) are set out below
The full table including notes, guidance and FAQs are available from links on the Fees page of the Church of England website.

MARRIAGES

	£
Publication of banns	37
Certificate of banns, if required	19
Marriage service	544

BAPTISMS

	£
There is no fee for a service of baptism	
Certificate of baptism, if required	19

Notes:

(1) The fees listed above are the statutory fees payable and do not include charges for heating, the services of a verger, music (e.g. organist, choir), bells, and flowers, which are fixed by the Parochial Church Council. In the case of a marriage service or a funeral service in church, any costs and expenses incurred in respect of routine administration (including arranging dates and times and the making of entries in registers), making the church available and lighting it are included in the fee prescribed as payable to the Parochial Church Council.

(2) 'Monument', here, is a technical term and includes, for example, a gravestone or headstone.

FUNERALS

	£
Service (in church, cemetery or crematorium, or funeral director's chapel) (See Note 1)	234
Burial in churchyard, preceding or following on from service in church	375
Burial in churchyard, on a separate occasion, or without service in church	409
Burial in cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	35
Burial certificate, if required	19

MONUMENTS (See Note 2)

These normally range from £57 to £172 depending on the type and size of the monument required

SEARCHES IN REGISTERS, ETC.

	£
For the first hour (inclusive of one copy of an entry in certain registers)	37
For each subsequent hour or part of an hour	37
Additional copies of entries	19

Statutory fees are only prescribed for matters in respect of which parishioners have a legal right. Not all services come into this category, for example funerals where there is a period of more than 48 hours between the funeral service and the cremation and between the cremation and the disposal of ashes. This also applies to special services such as memorial services and services of blessing and dedication following a civil marriage. The Archbishops' Council recommends that, where a memorial service is on a similar scale to a funeral service, or a service of blessing and dedication following a civil marriage or a renewal of marriage vows is on a scale equivalent to a wedding service, the PCC fee should be based on the statutory fee for the service, with the PCC receiving the equivalent of the combined DBF and PCC fee.

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For further information about fees refer to the **Guide to Church of England Parochial Fees** and **Frequently Asked Questions** which are available on the Church of England website.

	Fee payable To Diocesan Board of Finance	Fee payable To Parochial Church Council	**Total Fee Payable**
BAPTISMS	**£**	**£**	**£**
Certificate issued at time of baptism (See Note 1)	—	19	**19**
Short certificate of baptism given under section 2, Baptismal Registers Measure 1961	—	19	**19**
MARRIAGES			
Publication of banns of marriage	—	37	**37**
Certificate of banns issued at time of publication	—	19	**19**
Marriage Service (See Note 5)	247	297	**544**
Funerals and Burials of Person aged 18 Years or More (See Note 3(i))			
A. Service in Church			
Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note 5)	127	107	**234**
Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	18	357	**375**
Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	18	146	**164**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church	35	—	**35**
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	35	—	**35**
Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii))	52	357	**409**
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii))	52	146	**198**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii))	67	19	**86**
B. No Service in Church			
Funeral service (including burial of body) at graveside in churchyard	127	357	**484**
Funeral service (including burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) at graveside in churchyard	127	146	**273**
Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery	199	35	**234**
Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation	234	—	**234**
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director	35	—	**35**
Burial of body in churchyard, not following service at graveside (committal only)	52	357	**409**
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains (committal only)	52	146	**198**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only)	35	—	**35**
C. Certificate issued at time of burial (See Note 3(iii))	—	19	**19**
MONUMENTS IN CHURCHYARDS			
Permitted in accordance with rules, regulations or directions made by the Chancellor of the diocese, including those relating to a particular churchyard or part of a churchyard (but excluding a monument authorized by a particular faculty, the fee for which is set by the Chancellor)			
Small cross of wood	18	39	**57**
Small vase not exceeding 305mm x 203mm x 203mm (12" x 8" x 8") or tablet, plaque or other marker commemorating a person whose remains have been cremated	18	74	**92**
Any other monument	18	154	**172**
(the above fees include the approval of the original inscription by the incumbent)			
Additional inscription on existing monument	18	19	**37**
SEARCHES IN CHURCH REGISTERS			
Searching registers of marriages for period before 1 July 1837 (See Note 4) (for up to one hour)	—	37	**37**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	37	**37**
Searching registers of baptism or burials (See Note 4) (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein) for up to one hour	—	37	**37**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	37	**37**
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism or burials	—	19	**19**
Inspection of instrument of apportionment or agreement for exchange of land for tithes deposited under the Tithe Act 1836	—	—	—
Furnishing copies of above (for every 72 words)	—	19	**19**
EXTRAS			
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NOTES:

1. Certificates of Baptism

The fee for a certificate issued at the time of baptism is for a certified copy of the entry in the register book of baptisms giving the particulars required in Form No 1 in Schedule 1 to the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978. The fees payable for a certified copy of the full entry issued at any other time are the fees prescribed for searching registers of baptisms and burials and, if applicable, for each additional copy of an entry in such a register.

2. Definitions etc.

'Burial' includes deposit in a vault or brick grave and the interment or deposit of cremated remains.

'Churchyard' includes the curtilage of a church and a burial ground of a church whether or not immediately adjoining such church.
(NOTE: This includes any area used for the interment of cremated remains within such a curtilage or burial ground, whether consecrated or not.)

'Cemetery' means any burial ground other than a churchyard.

'Monument' includes headstone, cross, kerb, border, vase, chain, railing, tablet, plaque, marker, flatstone, tombstone or monument or tomb of any other kind.

'immediately preceding or following on from service in church' includes the day before and the day after the service in church. *See note at the top right of the table.*
Where " – " appears in the table no fee is payable to the body indicated.

3. Funerals & Burials

i) No fee is payable in respect of a burial of a still-born infant, or for the funeral or burial of a person dying within eighteen years after birth.
ii) The fee for a burial in a churchyard or cemetery on a separate occasion applies when burial does not take place on the same day as, or on the day before or the day after, a service in church.
iii) The certificate issued at the time of burial is a certified copy of the entry in the register book of burials kept under the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978.

4. Searches in Church Registers

The search fee relates to a particular search where the approximate date of the baptism, marriage or burial is known. The fee for a more general search of a church register is negotiable.

5. Costs and Expenses

In the case of a marriage service or a funeral service in church, any costs and expenses incurred in respect of routine administration (including arranging dates and times and the making of entries in registers), making the church available and lighting it are included in the fee prescribed as payable to the Parochial Church Council.

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