TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES 2027 FROM 1 JANUARY 2027

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES AND MARRIAGES

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	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 A1)	—	21	**21**
Short certificate of baptism given under section 2, Baptismal Registers Measure 1961	—	21	**21**
MARRIAGES			
Publication of banns of marriage	—	41	**41**
Certificate of banns issued at time of publication	—	21	**21**
Marriage Service in church (See Note A3)	265	319	**584**
SEARCHES IN CHURCH REGISTERS			
Searching registers of marriages for period before 1 July 1837 (See Note A2) (for up to one hour)	—	41	**41**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	41	**41**
Searching registers of baptism or burials (See Note A2) (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein) for up to one hour	—	41	**41**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	41	**41**
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism	—	21	**21**
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)	—	21	**21**

EXTRAS

The fees shown in the table 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.

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.

NOTES:

A1. 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.

A2. Searches in Church Registers

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

A3. Costs and Expenses

In the case of a marriage 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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	Fee payable Towards Diocesan Board of Finance £	Fee payable To Parochial Church Council £	Total Fee Payable £
Funerals and Burials of person Aged 18 Years or More (See Note B2(i))			
A. Service in Church			
Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note B1)	137	116	**253**
Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	20	383	**403**
Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	20	157	**177**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church	39	—	**39**
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	39	—	**39**
Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	56	383	**439**
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	56	157	**213**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	73	21	**94**
B. No Service in Church			
Funeral service (including burial of body) at graveside in churchyard	137	383	**520**
Funeral service (including burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in churchyard	137	157	**294**
Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery	214	39	**253**
Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation	251	—	**251**
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director	39	—	**39**
Burial of body in churchyard, not following service at graveside (committal only)	56	383	**439**
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of remains (committal only)	56	157	**213**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only)	39	—	**39**
C. Certificate issued at time of burial (See Note B2(iii))	—	21	**21**
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	20	43	**63**
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	20	80	**100**
Any other monument (the above fees include the approval of the original inscription by the incumbent)	20	165	**185**
Additional inscription on existing monument	20	21	**41**
SEARCHES IN CHURCH REGISTERS			
1. Searching registers of marriages for period before 1 July 1837 (See Note 4) (for up to one hour)	—	41	**41**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	41	**41**
2. Searching registers of baptism or burials (See Note 4) (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein) for up to one hour	—	41	**41**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	41	**41**
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism or burials	—	21	**21**
3. 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)	—	21	**21**

NOTES:

B1. 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.

B2. 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.

B3. Searches in Church Registers

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

B4. Costs and Expenses

In the case of 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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