TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES 2023 FROM MARCH 2023

This table sets out the fees prescribed by the Parochial Fees Order 2019 (a Statutory Instrument) and summarises other relevant information. For legal purposes reference should be made to the Order itself.

The 2019 Order set the framework for fees until 2024. It provided that fees would increase annually in line with CPI, rounded up to the nearest pound. In February 2023 the General Synod approved the parochial Fees (Amending) Order 2023 which capped increases to 5%, rounded up to the nearest pound. In 2023 and 2024.The revised fees as set out in this table came into force the day after the Order was laid before parliament: 1 March 2023.

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.

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**BAPTISMS**
- Certificate issued at time of baptism (See Note 1) 118 99 217
- Short certificate of baptism given under section 2, Baptismal Registers Measure 1961 16 332 348
- Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church 16 135 151
- Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note 3(iii)) 47 135 182
- Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii)) 61 17 78

**MARRIAGES**
- Publication of banns of marriage 229 276 505
- Certificate of banns issued at time of publication 34 34
- Marriage Service (See Note 5) 17 17

**FUNERAL FEES**

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**Funerals and Burials of Person aged 18 Years or More (See Note 3(iii))**
- A. Service in Church
  - Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note 5) 118 99 217
  - Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church 16 332 348
  - Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church 16 135 151
  - Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church 32 32
  - Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii)) 47 322 379
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  - Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii)) 61 17 78
- B. No Service in Church
  - Funeral service (including burial of body) at graveside in churchyard 118 135 253
  - Funeral service (including burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) at graveside in churchyard 118 135 253
  - Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery 217 217
  - Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation 217 217
  - Burial of body in churchyard, not following service at graveside (committal only) 47 322 379
  - Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains (committal only) 47 135 182
  - Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only) 32 32
- C. Certificate issued at time of burial (See Note 3(iii)) 17 17

**MONUMENTS IN CHURCHYARDS**

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**SEARCHES IN CHURCH REGISTERS**
- Searching registers of marriages for period before 1 July 1837 (See Note 4) (for up to one hour) for each subsequent hour or part of an hour 16 164 185
- Additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism or burials 16 164 185
- Inspection of instrument of apportionment or agreement for exchange of land for tithes deposited under the Tithe Act 1836 16 164 185
- Furnishing copies of above (for every 72 words) 16 164 185

**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.
   - *Cemetery* means any burial ground other than a churchyard.
   - *Churchyard* includes the curtilage of a church and a burial ground of a church whether or not immediately adjoining such church.
   - *Monument* includes headstone, cross, herb, border, vase, chain, railings, tablet, plaque, marker, flintstone, 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. 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 funeral 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 the register 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.

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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