Table of Parochial Fees from 1 January 2017 – Funerals, Burials and Monuments

This table sets out the fees prescribed by the Parochial Fees Order 2014 (a Statutory Instrument) and summarises other relevant information. For legal purposes reference should be made to the Order itself. There is a separate table for fees for baptisms and marriage services.

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 Towards Diocesan Board of Finance	Fee Payable To Parochial Church Council	**Total Fee Payable**
Funerals and Burials of person Aged 16 Years or More (See Note B2(i))			
Service in Church			
Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note B4)	98.00	84.00	**182.00**
Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	12.00	279.00	**291.00**
Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	12.00	113.00	**125.00**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church	26.00	-	**26.00**
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	26.00	-	**26.00**
Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note b2(ii))	38.00	279.00	**317.00**
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	38.00	113.00	**151.00**
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	51.00	13.00	**64.00**
No Service in Church			
Funeral service (including burial of body) at graveside in churchyard	98.00	279.00	**377.00**
Funeral service (including burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in churchyard	98.00	113.00	**211.00**
Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery	154.00	28.00	**182.00**
Burial of body in churchyard (committal only)	38.00	279.00	**317.00**
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of remains (committal only)	38.00	113.00	**151.00**
Certificate issued at time of burial (See Note B2(iii))	-	13.00	**13.00**
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	12.00	29.00	**41.00**
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	12.00	56.00	**68.00**
Any other monument (the above fees include the approval of the original inscription by the incumbent)	12.00	118.00	**130.00**
Additional inscription on existing monument	12.00	13.00	**25.00**
Searches in Church Registers			
Searching registers of burials (See Note B3) (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein) for up to one hour	-	28.00	**28.00**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	-	28.00	**28.00**
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of burials	-	13.00	**13.00**

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.

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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 a burial ground maintained by a burial authority.

'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.

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 sixteen 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.

Table of Parochial Fees from 1 January 2017 – Baptisms and Marriages This table sets out the fees prescribed by the Parochial Fees Order 2014 (a Statutory Instrument) and summarises other relevant information. For legal purposes reference should be made to the Order itself. There is a separate table for fees for funerals, burials, and monuments 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 Towards Diocesan Board of Finance	Fee Payable To Parochial Church Council	**Total Fee Payable**
Baptisms			
Certificate issued at time of baptism (See Note A1)	-	13.00	**13.00**
Short certificate of baptism given under section 2, Baptismal Registers Measure 1961	-	13.00	**13.00**
Marriages			
Publication of banns of marriage	-	28.00	**28.00**
Certificate of banns issued at time of publication	-	13.00	**13.00**
Marriage Service in church (See Note A3. For marriage certificate see Note A4)	193.00	231.00	**424.00**
Searches in Church Registers			
Searching registers of marriages for period before 1 July 1837 (See Note A2) (for up to one hour)	-	28.00	**28.00**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	-	28.00	**28.00**
Searching registers of baptisms (See Note A2) (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein) for up to one hour	-	28.00	**28.00**
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	-	28.00	**28.00**
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism	-	13.00	**13.00**
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)	-	13.00	**13.00**
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.	Published by The Archbishops' Council Church House, Great Smith Street, London. SW1P 3AZ		

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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.

A4. Fee for Marriage Certificate
The following fees are currently payable under the Marriage Act 1949 to the parochial church council under the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2014: certified copy of entry in marriage register at time of registration £4.00; subsequently £10.00. The fees may be increased from 1 April 2017