

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES

FROM 1 JANUARY 2014

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The main fees that are currently payable by law (excluding 'Extras' (See Note 1)) are set out below:

MARRIAGES	£	FUNERALS	£
Publication of banns	21.00	Service (in church, cemetery or crematorium) (See Note 3)	164.00
Certificate of banns, if required	13.00	Burial in churchyard following on from service in church	269.00
Marriage service	392.00	Burial in churchyard on a separate occasion or without service in church	295.00
Marriage certificate, at registration, if required (See Note 2)	4.00	Burial certificate, if required	11.00
BAPTISMS	£	MONUMENTS (See Note 4)	
There is no fee for a service of baptism.		These normally range from £38.00 to £121.00 depending on the type and size of the monument required.	
Certificate of baptism, if required	12.00		

SEARCHES IN REGISTERS, ETC.

	£
For the first hour (inclusive of one copy of an entry in certain registers)	21.00
For each subsequent hour or part of an hour	21.00
Additional copies of entries	11.00

Notes:

- (1) The fees listed above are the statutory fees payable. **It is stressed that the figures do not include charges for extras such as heating, the services of a vergers, music (e.g. organist, choir), bells, and flowers, which are fixed by the Parochial Church Council**
- (2) The fee for a marriage certificate is fixed by the Secretary of State. It may be increased from 1 April 2013 and/or 2014.
- (3) If a cemetery or cremation authority has itself fixed different charges for the minister's services in a cemetery or crematorium such charges will take precedence over those specified here.
- (4) 'Monument', here, is a technical term and includes, for example, a gravestone or headstone.

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TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES from 1 January 2014 <i>Note: This table sets out the fees prescribed by the Parochial Fees Order 2012 (a Statutory Instrument) and summarises other relevant information. For legal purposes reference should be made to the Order itself.</i>	Fee payable Towards Diocesan Board of Finance	Fee Payable To Parochial Church Council	Total Fee Payable	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. <i>'Burial'</i> includes deposit in a vault or brick grave and the interment or deposit of cremated remains. <i>'Churchyard'</i> 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.) <i>'Cemetery'</i> means a burial ground maintained by a burial authority. <i>'Monument'</i> includes headstone, cross, kerb, border, vase, chain, railing, tablet, plaque, marker, flatstone, tombstone or monument or tomb of any other kind. <i>'immediately preceding or following on from service in church'</i> 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 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. 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. 6. 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 2012: certified copy of entry in marriage register at time of registration £4.00; subsequently £10.00. (The fees in note 6 may be increase from 1 April 2014.)
BAPTISMS Certificate issued at time of baptism (See Note 1) Short certificate of baptism given under section 2, Baptismal Registers Measure 1961	£ - -	£ 12.00 12.00	£ 12.00 12.00	
MARRIAGES Publication of banns of marriage Certificate of banns issued at time of publication Marriage Service (See Note 5. For marriage certificate see Note 6)	- - 180.00	21.00 13.00 212.00	21.00 13.00 392.00	
FUNERALS AND BURIALS OF PERSON AGED 16 YEARS OR MORE (See Note 3(i)) Service in Church Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note 5) Burial in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church Burial in cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii)) Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of remains on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii)) Burial in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii)) No Service in Church Service at graveside Service at crematorium or cemetery Burial of body in churchyard Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains Certificate issued at time of burial (See Note 3(iii))	90.00 11.00 27.00 37.00 37.00 48.00 91.00 143.00 37.00 37.00 -	74.00 258.00 - 258.00 105.00 11.00 74.00 21.00 258.00 105.00 11.00	164.00 269.00 27.00 295.00 142.00 59.00 165.00 164.00 295.00 142.00 11.00	
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 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 Any other monument (the above fees include the approval of the original inscription by the incumbent) Additional inscription on existing monument	11.00 12.00 11.00 11.00	27.00 52.00 110.00 11.00	38.00 64.00 121.00 22.00	
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 Searching registers of baptism or burials (See Note 4) (including the provision of one copy of any entry therein) for up to one hour for each subsequent hour or part of an hour Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism or burials 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)	- - - - - -	21.00 21.00 21.00 21.00 11.00 - 11.00	21.00 21.00 21.00 21.00 11.00 - 11.00	
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