

TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES 2024 FROM 1 JANUARY 2024 – FUNERALS, BURIALS AND MONUMENTS

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. There is a separate table for fees for funerals, burials, and monuments.

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.

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.

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)	124	104	228
Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	17	349	366
Burial of other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	17	142	159
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church	34	—	34
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	34	—	34
Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	50	349	399
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	50	142	192
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note B2(ii))	65	18	83

B. No Service in Church

Funeral service (including burial of body) at graveside in churchyard	124	349	473
Funeral service (including burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) at graveside in churchyard	124	142	266
Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery	228	—	228
Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation	228	—	228
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from funeral service in premises belong to funeral director	34	—	34
Burial of body in churchyard, not following service at graveside (committal only)	50	349	399
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains (committal only)	50	142	192
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only)	34	—	34

C. Certificate issued at time of burial (See Note B2(iii))

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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	17	38	55
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	17	72	89
Any other monument (the above fees include the approval of the original inscription by the incumbent)	17	150	167
Additional inscription on existing monument	17	18	35

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	—	36	36
for each subsequent hour or part of an hour	—	36	36
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of burials	—	18	18

EXTRAS

The fees shown in the table do not include charges for heating, the services of a vergier, 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.

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.

