

The Church of England Table of Parochial Fees

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The main fees that are currently payable by law (excluding 'Extras' (See Note 1)) are set out below
The full table including notes, guidance and FAQs are available from links on the Fees page of the Church of England website.

Marriages	£	Funerals	£
Publication of banns	30.00	Service (in church, cemetery, or crematorium) (See Note 1)	196.00
Certificate of banns, if required	14.00	Burial in churchyard, preceding or following on from service in church	313.00
Marriage service	455.00	Burial in churchyard, on separate occasion, or without service in church	341.00
Marriage certificate, at registration, if required (See Note 2)	4.00	Burial in cemetery or cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	28.00
		Burial certificate, if required	14.00
Baptisms	£	Monuments (see Note 3)	
There is no fee for a service of baptism	14.00	These normally range from £44.00 to £140.00 depending on the type and size of the monument required	
Certificate of baptism, if required			

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For the first hour (inclusive of one copy of an entry in certain registers)	£	30.00
For each subsequent hour or part of an hour		30.00
Additional copies of entries		14.00

Notes:

- (1) The fees listed above are the statutory fees payable and 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.

- (2) The fee for a marriage certificate is fixed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) 'Monument' is a technical term and includes, for example, a gravestone or headstone.

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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.