

Parochial Fees

Quick Reference Guide

2026

Quick Reference Table of Parochial DBF Fees from 1 Jan 2026 - 31 Dec 2026 Please refer to full table for all PCC fees (e.g. Banns, Baptisms & Searches)	Ref / Code F = Funeral B = Burial CH = Church CM = Cemetery FD = Funeral Director Premise A = Cremated remains CR = Cremation GV = Graveside S = Separate	DBF with incumbent		Total fee payable	DBF apportionment for retired minister	
Note: this is a summary only of the Parochial Fees 2026. 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: www.churchofengland.org/resources/clergy-resources/life-events-parochial-fees-and-guidance		DBF fee	PCC fee		DBF fee	Retired minister fee
Marriages		£	£		£	£
Marriage Service in church (See Note 5)	M	257	309	566	86	171
Funerals / Church service of person aged 18 years or more (See Note 3(i))						
Funeral service in church, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation (See Note 5)	F	132	112	244	44	88
Memorial Service	MEM	132	112	244	44	88
Funeral service including burial of body at graveside in churchyard	FGV	132	371	503	44	88
Funeral service including burial (or other lawful disposal) of cremated remains at graveside in churchyard	FGVA	132	152	284	44	88
Burials of person aged 18 years or more (See Note 3(i))						
Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	BCH	19	371	390	6	13
Burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church	ACH	19	152	171	6	13
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church	BCM	37	0	37	12	25
Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii))	BCHS	54	371	425	18	36
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii))	BACHS	54	152	206	18	36
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery on separate occasion (See Note 3(ii))	BACMS	70	20	90	23	47
Burial of body in churchyard (committal only)	CMTL	54	371	425	18	36
Burial of cremated remains in churchyard or other lawful disposal of cremated remains (committal only)	CMTLA	54	152	206	18	36
Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only)	CMTLCM	37	0	37	12	25
Cremation / No service in Church						
Funeral service at crematorium, or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery	FCRB	207	37	244	69	138
Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation	FFD	244	0	244	81	163
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church or in premises belonging to funeral director	CR	37	0	37	12	25
Monuments in Churchyards						
Small cross of wood	WC	19	41	60	19	0
Small vase, tablet, plaque or other marker commemorating a person whose remains have been cremated	VT	19	77	96	19	0
Any other monument	MT	19	160	179	19	0
Additional inscription on existing monument	I	19	20	39	19	0
Casual duty fee - Sunday or weekday service (during vacancies, holiday cover, sabbaticals & periods of sickness)		0	0		0	41

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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.

'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.

Where "0" appears in the table no fee is payable to the body indicated.

3. Funerals and 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. This does not include monument fees, which are payable regardless of the age of the deceased.

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.

Returns form user notes - Excel Returns Form can be downloaded from: www.bathandwells.org.uk/parochial-fees

- This Appendix must be used in conjunction with the full table of parochial Fee issued by the Church of England so that all fees both DBF and PCC are captured.
- The fees have been clearly laid out so that PCC, DBF and Apportionment fees are clearer and on one reference page.
- The layout of the fees is different from the full table so that funerals and burials are easier to look up and cost out.
- Please note that a signature from a PCC Officer or Incumbent is required to ensure the details are correct and in alliance with church records. If the form is submitted via email, please confirm declaration in the body of the email and copy in a PCC Officer.
- All totals are collated at the bottom of the form, with the DBF payable total clearly highlighted. Delete all Value cells first.
- Each element of the service should be recorded on a separate line, so for example, a funeral with a burial the same day would be:
Line 1 = F(Funeral) £132 then Line 2 = BCH (Burial in a Churchyard) £19
- Any corrections or adjustments to balance previously submitted fee forms can be added on the same form so that the total matches what is submitted.
- Additional help can be found in the Bishops' Guidelines www.bathandwells.org.uk/parish-support/treasurer-support/parochial-fees and the FAQ page www.churchofengland.org/resources/clergy-resources/life-events-parochial-fees-and-guidance/life-events-ministry-fees-faqs.

Please also contact preferably via e-mail fees@bathwells.anglican.org or alternatively, by phone on 01749 670777.