STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 177

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW

The Parochial Fees Order 1972

Made (Approved by the General Synod)	11*th February* 1972
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Coming into Operation	1*st June* 1972

We, the Church Commissioners for England, in exercise of the powers conferred on us by section 2(1) of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1962(**a**) and all other powers enabling us in that behalf, do hereby order as follows:—

1. The Table of Parochial Fees set forth in the Schedule to this Order is hereby established and contains particulars of the parochial fees which, subject to the provisions of section 2(4) of the said Measure, are to be payable to the persons therein named in relation to the respective matters therein specified.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

" chancellor " means the judge of the consistory or commissary court of the bishop or archbishop of the diocese.

" incumbent " means the incumbent of any benefice as defined by the Interpretation Measure 1925(**b**).

" churchyard " includes the curtilage of a church and a burial ground of a church whether or not immediately adjoining such church.

" monument " includes headstones, crosses, kerbs, borders, vases, chains, railings, flatstones, tombstones or monuments or tombs of any other kind.

3. The Parochial Fees Order 1962(**c**) shall cease to have effect.

4. This Order may be cited as the Parochial Fees Order 1972, and shall come into operation on the 1st June 1972.

THE COMMON SEAL of the Church Commissioners was hereunto affixed this 20th December 1971.

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K. S. Ryle,
Secretary.

Approved by the General Synod of the Church of England the 11th February 1972.

John Guillum Scott.
Secretary General.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. No. 1. (**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. No. 1.
(**c**) S.I. 1962/2466 (1962 III, p. 3339).

SCHEDULE

TABLE OF PAROCHIAL FEES

PART I

	Fee payable to Incumbent	*Fee payable to Clerk*	*Fee payable to Sexton*	*Fee payable to Parochial Church Council*
	£ p.	£ p.	£ p.	£ p.
BAPTISMS				
Certificate of baptism ...	0·50	—	—	—
Short certificate of baptism given under sec. 2 Baptismal Registers Measure 1961 (a)	0·25	—	—	—
Searching register of baptisms for the first year	0·30	—	—	—
for every year after the first	0·15	—	—	—
MARRIAGES				
Publication of banns of marriage	0·75	0·30	—	—
Certificate of banns	0·50	0·20	—	—
Marriage service where organ not used	2·00	1·00	—	1·00
Marriage service where organ used	4·00	2·00	—	2·00
Searching register of marriages for period before 1837 for the first year	0·30	—	—	—
for every year after the first	0·15	—	—	—
BURIALS				
Tolling of bell at time of death or at funeral	—	—	1·00	—
Service in church before burial or cremation where organ not used	2·00	1·00	1·00	1·00
Service in church before burial or cremation where organ used	4·00	2·00	1·00	2·00
Burial in grave or vault following service in church of same parish	—	—	—	2·00
Burial in grave or vault not following service in church of same parish	2·00	1·00	1·00	2·00
Burial or deposit of cremated remains in churchyard following service in church of same parish	—	—	—	2·00
Burial or deposit of cremated remains in churchyard not following service in church of same parish	2·00	1·00	1·00	2·00
Burial of still-born infant ...	—	—	1·00	—
Certificate of burial	0·50	—	—	—
Searching register of burials for the first year	0·30	—	—	—
for every year after the first	0·15	—	—	—

(a) 9 & 10 Eliz. 2. No. 2.

	Fee payable to Incumbent	*Fee payable to Clerk*	*Fee payable to Sexton*	*Fee payable to Parochial Church Council*
	£ p.	£ p.	£ p.	£ p.
MONUMENTS IN CHURCHYARDS				
Small cross of wood	(*) 0·50	—	0·20	—
Small vase not exceeding 12 ins. in height	(*) 1·00	—	0·25	0·25
Other monuments	(*) 6·00	—	1·00	See Part II, Paragraph 2
Additional inscription on any monument	2·00	—	—	—
MISCELLANEOUS				
Inspection of instrument of apportionment or agreement for exchange of land for tithes deposited under Tithe Act 1836	(a) 0·25	—	—	—
Furnishing copies of above (for every 72 words)	0·20	—	—	—

PART II

1. *Cremated remains in churches or closed churchyards*

Where cremated remains are buried or deposited in or under a church or in a closed churchyard, the fees payable to the incumbent, clerk, sexton and parochial church council shall be:—

(i) where burial authorised by a general faculty, the same as those laid down in Part I of this table for burial of cremated remains in churchyard;

(ii) where burial authorised by a particular faculty, such sums as shall be determined by the chancellor.

2. *Monuments in churchyards*

The incumbent's fees marked (*) include fees for the original inscription. Where a faculty is granted for a monument in a churchyard, the fee for the parochial church council shall be such sum as shall be determined by the chancellor; where the monument is erected with the consent of the incumbent given under the chancellor's general directions, the council's fee shall be £4·00.

3. *Monuments in churches*

Where a faculty is granted in connection with the erection of a monument or tablet in a church or any additional inscription thereon, such fees shall be payable as shall be determined by the chancellor who shall specify the persons entitled to receive them.

4. *The incumbent's fees*

The incumbent may direct either generally or in particular cases that any fee which would otherwise be payable to him shall be payable to the minister performing the service or duty.

5. *Payment of fees where no clerk or sexton*

Where there is no clerk or no sexton, the clerk's or sexton's fee shall be payable to the church servant performing the duty. Where no church servant is so employed, the clerk's or sexton's fee as the case may be shall be payable to the incumbent.

(a) 6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 71. (*) See note in Part II, para. 2.

6. *Reservation of grave space : vaults*

Payment of any of the fees prescribed by this table does not confer any right to construct a new vault or an exclusive right to a grave or vault. Where a faculty is granted conferring rights for a period specified in the faculty, such fees shall be payable as shall be determined by the Chancellor who shall specify the persons entitled to receive them.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which replaces the Parochial Fees Order 1962, establishes a new table of fees payable to incumbents of benefices, parish clerks, sextons and parochial church councils for certain matters in connection with baptisms, marriages and burials, for the erection of monuments in churchyards and for other miscellaneous matters.

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