

## **Parochial fees**

### **Resolution to Synod 29.2.2020**

*Bradford on Avon Deanery Synod notes with concern the changes relating to fees paid in respect of cremations, graveside services or services in funeral directors' chapels of rest, whereby a parish may provide a priest to officiate, but no longer receives any part of the fee. The Synod urges Diocesan Synod to take note of this, and to invite the Diocese to remit to the parishes an appropriate part of the fee. Synod also urges that in the next quinquennium General Synod representatives press for the Fees Order to be amended to correct the obvious anomaly that the parish that does the work receives no financial recompense.*

### **Response of the Diocese**

#### **Funeral service at crematorium or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery**

*In 2019 this fee was £165 to DBF and £30 to parishes. The fee was changed by National Synod so that in 2020 the whole fee of £199 goes to the DBF with zero to parishes.*

*It was agreed at Finance Committee in March following Diocesan synod that the fee for 2020 will be changed to be £168 to DBF and £31 to parishes.*

*This will be backdated to 1.3.2020: please email [accounts@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:accounts@salisbury.anglican.org) in order to claim backdated fee for crematoria services held between 1.3.2020 and 30.4.2020 with details of the services and what you are claiming at £31 per service. This will be a lot quicker than the office trawling back through past claims.*

The new 2020 Parochial Fees Form effective 1.5.2020 for quarterly submission to the DBF is available on the diocesan website under Parishes, Finance, and Parochial Fees.

Please email [accounts@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:accounts@salisbury.anglican.org) if you have questions or comments.