



Funeral Fees – COVID-19

Update from the Bishop ...

'In the light of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, Bishop's Council, acting as the Directors of the Diocesan Board of Finance, has decided:

- *to waive the DBF component of funeral fees with immediate effect*
- *to encourage PCCs to waive their component of funeral fees*
- *to allow PCCs to reclaim from the DBF income lost to them as a result*

This provision will last from 17 April 2020 until 30 June 2020, when it will be reviewed in the light of changing circumstances.

We believe that, in taking this step, local parishes and the diocese are responding to their residents and communities with a pastoral concern which supports a vital ministry in this time of crisis, and comforts bereaved families.'

Process for reclaiming loss of fees

Only the statutory element of PCC fees is eligible to be reclaimed.

For the purpose of reclaiming fees, the period will be for funerals up to 30 June 2020.

Any additional charges levied above the statutory fees should be negotiated between the PCC and the family. DBF will not reimburse for an additional charges waived.

Appendix 1 shows an example of a claim.

PCC's should complete the form at Appendix 2, in full, and return via email to finance@derby.anglican.org, or by post to Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR

Please claim on a monthly basis, where this is practical to do so.

