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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 164**

**ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND**

**The Parochial Fees (Amendment) Order 2023**

*Made* - - - - *9th February 2023*  
*Laid before Parliament* *28th February 2023*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st March 2023*

In accordance with section 2(1) of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986(1), a draft of this Order has been laid before, and approved by, the General Synod.

The Archbishops' Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 2 of that Measure(2), makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parochial Fees (Amendment) Order 2023.
- (2) This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is laid before Parliament.

**Prescribed fees: amendment**

2.—(1) In article 6 of the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019(3) (prescribed fees), in paragraph (3) (determination of fees for each calendar year), for subparagraph (a) (but not the following “and”) substitute—

- “(a) increased by the lower of—
- (i) the percentage by which the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) for August in Year A is greater than that for August in the calendar year preceding Year A, and
  - (ii) 5%.”

(2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) applies only to parochial fees incurred in respect of a matter occurring—

- (a) after the commencement of this Order, and
- (b) before the end of 2024.

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(1) 1986 No. 2. Amendments have been made to section 2 by section 2 of the [Ecclesiastical Fees \(Amendment\) Measure 2011 \(No. 2\)](#) and by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to [S.I. 1998/1715](#).

(2) Amendments have been made to section 1 by section 1 of the [Ecclesiastical Fees \(Amendment\) Measure 2011](#) and section 8 of the [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 2018 \(No. 7\)](#).

(3) [S.I. 2019/752](#).

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(3) In its application to the calendar year 2024, article 6 of the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order (as amended by paragraph (1) of this article) is to have effect as if the first reference in paragraph (3) to Year A (which, in that case, is the calendar year 2023) were a reference to the part of Year A occurring after the commencement of this Order.

The draft of this Order was approved by the General Synod on 8th February 2023.

Church House, Westminster

*Jenny Jacobs*  
Acting Clerk to the Synod

Signed on behalf of the Archbishops' Council by two authorised officers

*Joanna Woolcock*  
Officer  
*David White*  
Officer

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986 and amends the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 ([S.I. 2019/752](#)) so as to provide that parochial fees under article 6 of that Order increase for the remainder of 2023 and for the whole of 2024 by whichever is the lower of the Consumer Prices Index and 5%.