



DIOCESAN CHARGES FOR LITURGICAL DUTY 2021

When a congregation does not have a priest due to a vacancy, holiday, sickness or other cause, liturgical ministry provided by a non-stipendiary authorised minister (retired or non-stipendiary priest, lay reader or worship leader) should be paid for with the fees shown below. This fee will be paid directly to the individual. They may accept or decline the fee and are free to donate it (Gift Aided) elsewhere if they so wish.

Travel expenses should be paid at the HMRC rate of 45p per mile, plus actuals for e.g. parking, for all priests/service leaders who provide liturgical cover.

In the Diocese of Brechin the fees are unchanged from 2020 so remain will be as follows (the line for funerals and weddings is additional to 2020):

Sunday Service with Sermon	£55	Plus Travel Expenses
Additional Service same day	£17	Plus Additional Travel Expenses
Midweek Service	£25	Plus Travel Expenses
Funeral or Wedding	£55	Plus all travel expenses including family meetings

Lay readers/ worship leaders receive this fee when providing services in churches other than their 'home' church(s) and travel expenses should again be paid at 45p per mile.

The 'Funeral' or 'Wedding' fee has been defined as retired or non-stipendiary ministers are undertaking these duties and the preparation time for these services (including meetings with families etc.) is not be dissimilar to a full Sunday Service with a sermon.

OCCASIONAL OFFICES: DONATIONS

As is customary in the SEC, no set fees are defined for occasional offices (i.e. weddings & funerals) in the Diocese of Brechin. It is at the discretion of individual priests and vestries to manage fees/donations, noting that families involved often wish to make a donation towards the church offering the service. Other direct costs (e.g. organists, flowers etc.) should be passed on. Guidance on approaches to donation can be provided by the Bishop/Dean.

Rt Rev Andrew Swift, Bishop of Brechin, revised March 2021