

# The Registry of the Diocese of Blackburn



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**OF**  
**BLACKBURN**  
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

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To all Incumbents

## **THE ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES AND LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2020**

General Synod has now confirmed that Consistory Court fees payable from the 1st January 2021 will be as follows:

Faculty: £212.00 plus VAT and the Chancellor's fee of £51.00 = £305.40

These fees are paid by the Diocesan Board of Finance and the cost is spread amongst the parishes through the quota system. Any fees in relation to petitions for Retrospective Faculties in which the works have been carried out after the 22nd October 2016 will be payable by the parish.

If the Chancellor issues directions under Part 11 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015, involving extra work, he may sanction a higher fee to be payable in accordance with Table 1 of the Schedule to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2020.

If the Petition becomes contested and proceeds to a Consistory Court hearing, it is then usually deemed to be unreasonable for the DBF to be responsible for all the extra costs. That cost will then fall on the Petitioners or the Objectors. It follows that Petitioners would be well advised to consult widely within the Parish to avoid confrontation, and subsequent significant expense, if they think a Petition is likely to be contentious. Taking early advice from the Registrar and the DAC may save a lot of money and aggravation in the long term.

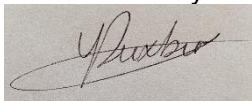
The Archdeacons have jurisdiction in the matters set out in Schedule I of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 and the works set out in 'List A' and 'List B' may now be undertaken without a Faculty but must be approved by the Archdeacons before the works are undertaken.

The Chancellor has directed that applications for reservation of a grave space, the erection of a memorial or exhumation should be in the name of the person(s) applying for the Faculty. In other words, the Vicar and Churchwardens should not be the Petitioners in such cases. Fees for the reservation of a grave space or an exhumation total £305.40 (including VAT).

You should advise Petitioners that in these cases a cheque should be sent on lodging the Petition and made payable to "Naphthens".

This letter is for guidance in the ordinary cases which arise in this Diocese and for further information reference should be made to the Fees Order itself.

Yours sincerely

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kirsty Duxbury".

**Kirsty Duxbury**  
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