

Weddings

Our churches are popular venues for weddings and have much to offer. So how does it work?

- ✚ You need to contact us (see below for details).
- ✚ We check your eligibility to marry in one of our churches; this is called your qualifying connection. The simplest situation is that one of you was born here, lives here, was christened here or are on the electoral roll of one of our churches. If none of these apply then still contact us and we can discuss other options.
- ✚ You are then invited to meet us, complete an application form and pay a deposit of £50.
- ✚ At this meeting we confirm the date and time of your wedding.
- ✚ We try to meet wedding couples at least twice more prior to their wedding to help them plan for this big event in their lives and to work with you towards your life together.
- ✚ We also invite all wedding couples to attend a 'Marriage Preparation Day' in February. This is acclaimed as 'good fun', 'good to talk to other couples', 'encouraged us to talk about things we hadn't really thought about'.
- ✚ Once dates are confirmed we agree a date and time just prior to the 'Big Day' for a rehearsal.
- ✚ We are happy to help you plan your wedding service and can give advice on hymns (usually 2), readings (at least one from the Bible) and put you in touch with the organist.
- ✚ We agree dates on which your banns will be called. Banns are called on 3 consecutive Sundays, usually in the month before your wedding.
- ✚ The cost during 2014 is £528. (See our fees table.)
- ✚ If you are planning to marry elsewhere but still need banns called then please give us good notice and the cost will be £34 (£21 for banns and £13 for certificate.)

For some people getting married in church may not be so straightforward. However, we encourage you to contact us to discuss options.

Marriages involving people living abroad are possible but different legal steps are required and need time for planning as special licences need to be applied for.

Remarriage in church of divorcees is possible but this must be discussed with the Vicar.

We welcome couples who want to have their marriage blessed after a civil ceremony. This should not be regarded as anything less meaningful than a traditional wedding and can help couples on a tight budget.

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