

Things you need to think about:

We suggest visiting www.yourchurchwedding.org which has very good resources to help you think about your wedding service.

Music.

You need to decide what music you would like played as the bride walks into church and as you leave as a couple. The traditional music for the entry of the bride is “The Bridal March” by Wagner and for the couples exit “The Wedding March” by Mendelssohn. We cannot guarantee who the organist for your wedding will be or their repertoire. We suggest that if you have ideas for music other than those suggested that you be prepared to supply them on CD. **(CDs must be originals).**

You will also need to choose some hymns for your wedding. We will give you a booklet, with some suggestions in . There may be two or three hymns at a wedding in St George’s.

Readings:

You will need to choose a bible reading for your wedding. You will be given a booklet containing suggested readings. You may also like to choose a poem or other reading which has meaning for you. The priest who is to marry you will have to agree to any bible reading not in the suggested list or any other reading or poem.

Bells.

The bells can be rung before and after the wedding or just after. Or you do not have to have the bells rung. The ringers have to be paid so there are cost implications to the choice you make.

Flowers.

What ever arrangements you make with regard to flowers in church for your wedding you must, at least two months before your wedding, make contact with Mrs Anne Banting 01452 863845 who has responsibility for flowers in church. Our arrangers are happy to do your flowers for you if you wish. The basic fee £90 , covers the cost of, one pedestal, the font and two pillars. The team are happy to receive requests for flowers beyond this but obviously the costs would increase. Our observance of Lent and Advent mean that there are no flowers in church during these periods, . If at any time of the year you decide to undertake your own flowers or bring in a professional flower arranger, you do so at the discretion of Anne and Revd Jane and you must be aware that your wedding is not the only service that happens in church. There will be restrictions on what you can do, and there may be other flowers in church. You and your arrangers have to respect the guidance of Anne in this respect.

Photography:

Only the official photographer should take photos during the wedding service and no flash photography should be used. Photographers must speak to the priest before the service to find out what is expected of them. It is the photographer’s responsibility to find the priest before the service, and you should tell your photographer this when you brief him or her. It can be helpful if the photographer is able to attend the wedding rehearsal. It is also worth noting that the church is usually locked up quite quickly after a wedding so photographers should not leave equipment in the church or porch. We suggest you put a note on the back of your order of service requesting that people do not take photo’s or their own videos during the service.

Video;

We are happy for you to arrange for the wedding service to be videod. This is a good way of remembering your special day. We ask that video cameras are on a tripod and that the operator abide by the instructions of the priest as to location.

You will also need to apply for a wedding video recording License (WVRL) and inform us of the number of this license. This license can be obtained by visting www.wrvl.co.uk You will not be allowed to video in church with out this license.

Order of service:

Most couples like to have a printed order of service a booklet that contains the hymns and any words that your guests need for the service. This can also act as a souvenir of the occasion. The priest who is to marry you will tell you what needs to be included, and will also expect to see a proof copy before you print the orders of service for your wedding. You will need to include St George's Church Copy right license number on your order of service in this form 'CCL 27879 ' Please bring your orders of service to the wedding rehearsal.

Witnesses:

You will need two witnesses who will sign the marriage registers to say they witnessed you wedding. They can be any one 18 years and older. We will need to know who your witnesses are in advance of your wedding.

The traditional wedding service is a very meaningful occasion, but it is good to be able bring your own personal touches to the service. Please think about ways in which you might do this and speak to the priest who will marry you about your ideas. We will try to accommodate them if we can.

Banns :

Your banns will need to be read in St George's church and in any parish that either of you is resident in. You will need to arrange this with the parish priest in the parish concerned. At St George's your banns will be read on the first three Sundays of the month preceding your wedding (ie, if you're being married in June your banns will be called on the first three Sundays of May)

Fees:

The break down of the fees required can be obtained from the Church Office. You might also like to make a voluntary donation towards the work of St George's church in celebration of your wedding. If you are a UK tax payer please gift aid your donation a form is available on request