

Marriage at All Saints' Church Orpington

We are delighted that you wish to marry at All Saints'. All Saints' Church is very busy with services, concerts, and weddings, so we urge you to check available dates as soon as possible. Please contact the Vicar or Parish Administrator at least three months before the wedding (most marriages are arranged at least nine months before the day). The priest taking your wedding will arrange to meet you, in order to get to know you and to discuss details of the wedding. Weddings are not usually arranged during August. We hope this booklet will help you understand what happens both before the wedding and on the day itself.

Banns of Marriage or Licence

Most people who marry in church are married after Banns of Marriage. Banns are the means of public notice that you intend to be married, and they provide an opportunity for any legal objection to be raised. Your Banns will be 'called' (published) in All Saints' by one of the clergy and, if one of you lives in another parish, in the church of that parish. They will be called during the 9.30 am Eucharist on the first three Sundays in the month two months before your wedding (e.g., for a July wedding the banns would be called on the first three Sundays of May).

In some circumstances, calling Banns may not be possible and a Licence will be required. Please make sure that you know whether you are to be married after Banns or by Licence. This is an important legal requirement, and an area where people are often confused, but it cannot be left to chance. The Parish Administrator or the Vicar will be able to help you.

Clergy

Weddings will usually be conducted by one of the parish clergy, although occasionally a visiting priest may be asked to conduct the ceremony. The priest taking the service has absolute discretion over what may take place in the church.

Rehearsal

It is usual to have a rehearsal at church during the fortnight before the wedding. This will be arranged when you meet the priest taking your wedding.

Vergers

We provide vergers, who will ensure the smooth running of your service. They will open the Church in good time before the earliest guests arrive, and they arrange the preparation of the church. They will assist ushers and/or your guests with distributing orders of service if required, advise them on Church facilities and escort them as needed.

Services that can be provided for an extra charge:

Music

If you wish to discuss the music, the Director of Music, Raymond Lewis, is available on most Sundays after the 9.30 am Eucharist, or you may telephone him (020 8467 9470). Please note that the church choir is only available for weddings on Saturdays.

Some frequently requested music:

At the entrance of the bride:

- The Bridal March (Lohengrin)* Wagner
- Trumpet Tune* Purcell
- Hornpipe (Water Music)* Handel
- Rondeau (Abdelazer)* Purcell
- The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* Handel
- Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke (attrib. Henry Purcell)
- Trumpet Tune (Te Deum)* Charpentier
- Trumpet Tune* John Stanley

Hymns (it is usual to have two or three):

Praise my soul the King of Heaven
For the beauty of the earth
All creatures of our God and King
The Lord's my shepherd
Lord of all hopefulness
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Give me joy in my heart (Sing Hosanna)
O praise ye the Lord
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
Love divine, all loves excelling (make sure you know which tune)
Immortal, invisible, God only wise
The King of love my shepherd is
Come down O love divine
And did those feet (Jerusalem)
Now thank we all our God

During the signing of the registers (*sung by the choir*)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring Bach
All things bright and beautiful John Rutter
God be in my head Walford Davies
Ave Maria Schubert

As the bride and groom leave the church:

Wedding March Mendelssohn
Toccata from 5th Symphony Widor
Finale from 1st Symphony Vierne
Carillon Sortie Henri Mulet
Grand March from Aida Verdi
Toccata in D minor Bach
Pomp and Circumstance March no. 4 Elgar
Nun Danket alle Gott Karg-Elert

Photography

We are happy that you record your wedding, (with a professional or amateur photographer), but ask that **one appointed photographer takes still photographs** during the actual service, and **only one video camera operator is used**. It is helpful if the photographer comes to your rehearsal, and essential that they do not leave it to the last minute to familiarise themselves with the layout of the church. If you are to have your wedding video-recorded, or if you make a sound recording, please note that there will be an extra charge. There are copyright forms which the recordist must sign and return before the day of the wedding. Confetti must be biodegradable and is not allowed inside the church. The St Nicholas garden is available for photos if wished.

Flowers

The church is decorated with fresh flowers most weeks of the year by the St Michael's Guild. They will happily provide flowers at the altar and in the new porch in your colour scheme for a charge of £55. Extra flower pedestals would cost approximately £45, depending on the flowers chosen. Please contact Margaret Lovett (01689 831667) at least 3 months before your wedding to discuss all details concerning flower arrangements.

Orders of Service

Couples like to have a printed Order of Service. For a modest fee we can provide one for you, or you may use an outside printer or produce one yourselves. Whatever you decide the priest will provide you with a draft order of service to make sure everything is included. If the Order of Service is not produced by All Saints', please let the priest see a proof so that they can check that the details are correct. Make sure the printer or yourselves have permission to reproduce the words, and print enough copies for all your guests and the choir (if required).

Our current charges (2016) for orders of service printed on pale cream 100g paper are given below.

No of copies	4 x A5 pages	8 x A5 pages
50	£30	£50
100	£40	£70
150	£50	£90
200	£60	£110

Please contact Gerald Holmes (01689 829322) at least 3 months before your wedding to discuss your requirements.

Fees

The fees for marriage in **2017** are currently as follows :

Statutory Charges

Marriage	£424.00
Banns	£27.00
Marriage certificate	£4.00

Optional extras

Organ	£138.00
Choir	£120.00
Playing recorded music	£20.00
Flowers	£55.00
Video recording of service	£138.00
Sound recording of service	£67.00
Heating (1st October to 30th April)	£80.00

Please note that statutory and optional charges are reviewed annually, and may change before you are invoiced for the final payment approximately six weeks before your wedding.

If you have any questions or anxieties, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Administrator or the Vicar.

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