

YOUR WEDDING

at

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
ILKESTON**



Your Church Wedding at St Mary's

We are pleased you are planning to marry at St Mary's. This leaflet will help you to arrange the wedding ceremony and answer some of your questions. We will do all we can to ensure that this special day, when you commit yourselves to one another, will run smoothly and be enjoyable and memorable.

Banns

The application form provides the information we need to call the banns and to complete the Marriage Document. Marriage in church normally takes place after the calling of banns which declare your intention to marry and are a legal requirement. They are called in the main Sunday service on 3 Sundays, the last falling within 3 months of the wedding date in the church in which you plan to marry **and** in the parish church of both Bride and Bridegroom. At St Mary's this will be at the 10 am service.

Where one or both of you are resident in another parish you are responsible to arrange for the banns to be called in each of those parishes. After this a Banns Certificate will be issued; this is legally required for the Vicar to be able to marry you and must be given to them before the day.

Fees

Fees are payable for marriage in church. Some of these cover legal costs; others are connected with the use of the church and payments to officials. These are reviewed each year but we try to keep any increase reasonable.

Music

Normally there are two or three hymns and music is normally played for the bride's entrance, during the signing of the marriage document and for the bridal party's departure. You can find some ideas for hymns on page 6 of this booklet. There is also a Church of England website yourchurchwedding.org which has lots of information about getting married in church and other suggestions for music. Recorded music is allowed but must be compatible with the Christian ethos.

Readings

There will be at least one reading from the Bible. There are some suggestions starting on page 7. You may also have other readings, such as a poem, during the service, but this must be agreed with the Vicar before the wedding.

Bells

Bells can be rung after the wedding for an additional fee. Please book these with the Vicar as soon as possible, as ringers may be engaged elsewhere.

Orders of Service

You may wish to produce service sheets. The Vicar will provide you with a draft order of service. These must be checked by the Vicar and agreed with you before final printing.

Flowers in Church

You will need to arrange for any flowers you wish to have in church with a florist. Please contact Sue Attenborough on 0115 930 4140 to discuss arrangements for putting the flowers into church. She will organise access.

Photography

Your photographer must discuss what is allowed with the Vicar before the service. If you want a video recording, the videographer must complete a copyright disclaimer form and discuss arrangements with the Vicar before the service.

Ushers

It is usual to have at least two ushers on duty to hand out orders of service at the door. One needs to remain at the back throughout the service. The ushers should also be on hand to help tidy the pews after the service.

Rehearsal

We will arrange this when we meet to plan the wedding day. The rehearsal is for the main people involved in the service – you don't need to remember any of the words, but it will familiarise you with what you will be doing on the day and will help to calm your nerves.

Punctuality

It is very important that the service starts on time. Remember that the Vicar or organist may well have other commitments after your wedding and may not be able to stay if you are late. Also you should be aware that your guests may have limited parking time in the local car parks.

- a) The bridegroom, best man and ushers need to arrive about 45 minutes before the start of the service to finalise details, and the bridegroom and best man should be in their places 15 minutes before the service time.
- b) The bride should arrive at the church about 5 minutes before the arranged start time to allow time for photographs.

Confetti

Please ask guests not to throw confetti in the church grounds. However, we are happy for a small amount of **bio-degradable** confetti to be thrown as the bride and groom are about to leave for the reception.

Parking

At St Mary's, wedding cars normally park on the Market Place when dropping off members of the bridal party – access is via Wharnccliffe Road. There is also disabled parking around the church but there is plenty of parking in the council car parks on the Market Place and South Street. However your guests need to be aware that there will be a charge for any stay longer than an hour. If everything runs on time, the service should be finished three quarters of an hour after the nominated start time.

What is the Next Stage?

Someone will contact you about 3 months before the wedding to discuss the service in more detail and they will get in touch with you nearer the time. This leaflet gives you an overview of the things you will need to consider. If you have not heard anything by this time please get in touch.

Being Part of St Mary's

We are glad that you have chosen to come to St Mary's for your wedding. If you would like to get to know us better and to feel more at home in our lovely church, we would love you to join us at any of our services. Our main Sunday services are as follows:

8 am **Holy Communion (traditional language)**

10 am **Morning Worship**

I hope this information will help you prepare for your wedding but please remember that most important by far is to prepare yourselves for the life you will share together. In this, especially, please be assured of our prayers, and of any help we can offer.

Wedding Hymn Suggestions

All things bright and beautiful

Amazing grace

Colours of day

Come down, O Love Divine

Come to a wedding (*Tune: Morning has broken*)

Give me joy in my heart

God in the planning and purpose of life

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

I danced in the morning

Lead us, heavenly Father

Lord and lover of creation

Lord, for the years

Lord, the light of your love is shining

Love Divine, all loves excelling

Make me a channel of your peace

Morning has broken

O Jesus, I have promised

O Lord my God! (*How great Thou art*)

O, Perfect Love

One more step along the way

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Tell out, my soul

The King of love my shepherd is

The Lord's my Shepherd

The love we share (*Tune: Danny Boy*)

These vows of love (*Tune: I vow to thee*)

We gather here (*Tune: Jerusalem*)

We Pledge to One Another (*Tune: I vow to thee*)

Suggested Bible Readings

This list is for guidance. You may choose a different Bible reading.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

ROMANS 12:1,2,9-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Mark 10:6-9, 13-16

But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Ephesians 5:21-end

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Contact Details

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us:

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You will find lots about getting married in church at:
www.yourchurchwedding.org