



Holy Trinity and St Matthew's Church,  
Ronkswood, Worcester

# Wedding Planning



**Planning your Wedding**  
**We're here to help!**



## Wedding Planning

Talk to the Vicar at an early stage and have a look through our leaflet “Your Wedding in Church”. This will answer some frequently asked questions and tell you a little about getting married in church.

The Church can help you plan a wonderful and meaningful day in many ways, these include:

- providing a professional musician (organist) to lead the musical parts of the service.
- giving guidance to you regarding your choices of hymns and other music, and the readings that are included in the service.
- help you with flowers displayed in church for your wedding.
- produce simple orders of service that include hymn words and all the necessary prayers and responses for the congregation.
- guide you regarding using photography and video for your service.

## Music, music, music

There is a great wealth of music, much of it traditional that is available for a wedding service. It is usual to have two or three hymns for a wedding and if you wish it, the choir to help with the singing. You may wish to include secular pieces of music as part of the ceremony—this should be discussed with the Vicar in your planning meetings. It is a good idea to arrange a time to meet with our organist so he can play some samples of wedding music and hymns for you to choose from.



### Flowers

There are usually flowers in church except during Lent. Alternatively, you can arrange for your own florist to bring flowers in—please ensure we have ample notice of this—during Lent we ask that any flowers or decorations are removed after the service.

### Readings

There will be a reading from the Bible at your wedding. The Vicar will show you some suitable passages and ask you to choose one. You can also include poems and secular readings. Please discuss this with the Vicar. It is good to invite members of your family or friends to give the readings if they feel comfortable to do so.

## Orders of service

Many reputable stationers and printing firms will produce an order of service for you. Please ask the Vicar to give you a copy of the service running order for the printer, and we can provide lyrics for most popular wedding hymns. Alternatively, we can produce a simple photocopied order of service for you at a small cost.



## Photography

It is natural to want to record this special day in your lives and there are many professional photographers to choose from. Most photographers are used to working at church weddings and are used to being unobtrusive without compromising on important shots. It is important that the wedding service happens without interruption and that everyone realises the solemnity of the occasion, we therefore ask that no flash photography happens during the service. Talk to the Vicar about setting up some Kodak moments after the service where family and friends can come back into church and take some shots of you as you pose at the front.

## Video

A video of your wedding may be taken\* by a professional videographer or by a family friend. However, the music in church and the organist's performance is under copyright and therefore a fee will be charged.

\*All parts of the service may be videoed apart from the signing of the registers.

## Confetti

We hope that your family and friends will drown you with confetti when you come out of church. All we ask is that confetti throwing is done outside the church door in the car park areas and that bio-degradable confetti is used. Please do not allow the throwing of rice as an alternative—this can cause problems clearing up after you have gone—especially if it rains.

## Timing

The Vicar will guide you about the time to arrive for your wedding. Please ensure that these are tightly adhered to—especially brides—it may be fashionable to be late but causes worry and anxiety for all concerned. Others, such as the organist may have other appointments and may have to leave before your service finishes if you are late!

## How much will it cost?

These are the fees for a wedding in 2021 based on a service hosted at St Martin's Church, London Road. Some of the fees are statutory and others are included to cover the cost of musicians, choir, heating and lighting and a vergger to clean the church and make it ready for the service.

Banns	£31.00*
Service	£424.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>£509.00</b>
Organist	£80.00 (optional)
Choir	£100.00 (optional)
Heating	£30.00 (optional)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>£719.00</b>
Permission to Video	£130.00 (optional)
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>£849.00</b>



Simple order of service on application (optional)

\*Note. If one of you lives outside the Worcester South East benefice you will require banns to be read in the parish where you live. This is legal requirement and the church will charge you for reading the banns.

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