

Holy Trinity Rhostyllen and All Saints Poyser Street

Information about

Getting Married in Church



A message from, Fr Dylan, the Vicar

We are delighted that you have chosen to be married in Church and to begin your adventure of married life together in God's presence seeking his blessing upon your union within a celebration of love with your family and friends. We look forward to accompanying you on your journey of preparation in helping you to ensure that this most significant event in your lives will be meaningful and memorable as a truly special and joyful beginning for you as husband and wife.

During our meetings over the coming months I will be pleased to assist you in helping to deepen your understanding of the significance of the vows you will make and offer guidance in preparing for the service.

As you embark upon this journey, it will also be an opportunity for you to consider your own faith and how your relationship with God weaves into your relationship with one another as you grow in love. You may also wish to understand more about the Christian faith. We regularly run study courses and preparation for Baptism or Confirmation.

If you would like to know more, please ask and we will be pleased to help.

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Legal Requirements

There are certain things that must happen to ensure your marriage complies with civil and church law, we will guide you through all of this in our meetings.

- I. **Qualifying Factors** | If you live in the Mission Area, you are entitled to be married in the Church – if you're coming from further afield you'll need to establish a 'qualifying connection' (*such as worshipping in the church for six months, or having a family connection to the church*) – the minister will explain all of this to you.
- II. **Proof of Identity** | You must provide proof of identity (*e.g. passport or driving licence*). Originals must be seen by the interviewing minister who will also keep a photocopy.
- III. **Banns, License or SRC** | There are three ways for legalities to be satisfied to enable a wedding to take place, namely by the reading of Banns, by a Common License being issued or by a Superintendent Registrar's Certificate.
 - a. **Banns** | Most church weddings will require banns to be read before the service can take place. If one (or more) of the parties is resident in a parish other than the Wrexham Mission Area then Banns of Marriage must be called in that parish as well. **A Certificate of Banns** must be obtained personally from the minister of the other parish and then be passed to the priest conducting your wedding (*you must produce a banns certificate in order to be married, so please arrange for banns to be called in good time*).
 - b. **License or SRC** | In some cases (*principally if there is not enough time for banns to be called, or one party is a foreign national*) a license or SRC will be needed. Your minister will assist in arranging this. Please note, there will be an additional fee for a license to be issued.



Wedding Fees

*At the initial meeting, you will be asked to pay a **deposit** to confirm your booking. The remaining fees are payable by or at the wedding rehearsal.*

This can be done by bank transfer, by individual cheques (your minister will advise how these should be made payable) or, alternatively, by cash in separate envelopes, each marked with the title of the recipient ['Church', 'Minister', 'Verger' &c.]

I. Compulsory Fees (2023)

- a. Church | £320
- b. Heat etc | £35
- c. Minister | £235
- d. Verger | £40
- e. Organist | £80
- f. **Total (compulsory fees) is £710**

- II. *Please note that fees usually increase annually at the beginning of each year. You will be notified of any changes in fees as the information becomes available.*



Choosing Hymns and Readings

Your minister will help you to make your service personal by choosing hymns and readings. There is a list of suitable hymns on yourchurchwedding.org.



Orders of Service

Your minister will offer guidance in preparing a printed order of service. When you have produced a draft please email this to your minister so that it can be proof-read before going to print. If you do not plan to produce a printed order of service the church hymn books are available at no extra charge.



Flowers

You can arrange your own flowers, make use of any local florist or you might like to employ the flower arrangers at the church at a very reasonable charge.

Photographs and Videos



Your **photographer** may take photographs during the service (without flash) and should remain as unobtrusive as possible not to detract from the dignity of the service. Your photographer is asked to have a conversation with the minister before the service.

If you are employing a professional to **video the service**, you must obtain a copyright licence. The person you are employing may arrange this themselves, or you may have to contact the Christian Licensing Office yourselves on 01323 417711. The minister conducting the service will need to see the licence at your rehearsal, otherwise the recording cannot take place.

The Rehearsal



You must both be present for the rehearsal, and it's also helpful for others who will take a part in the service like the Best Man, bridesmaids &c. to be present. At the rehearsal, you should bring the fees due, and (if needed) show the minister the banns certificate or License.

The big day!



We ask everyone to **arrive on time** (including the bride!). If you wish to have photographs taken before the service, please allow time for this. We don't take a collection during the service, but there will be a plate at the back if guests wish to make a donation to the Church. The service usually lasts about **45 minutes**.