



## Weddings

Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage!

# Ten ways to say 'Yes!' to a church wedding

Shaded text shows the only cases where baptism is required of either the bride or the groom.

**Yes, a couple can marry in this church if:**

**one of them:**

1. lives in the parish or
2. is on the church's electoral roll

And **yes**, they can also marry in this church if:

**One of them:**

3. Has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months **or**
4. Has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months **or**
5. Was baptised in the parish **or**
6. Was prepared for confirmation in the parish **or**

**One of their parents, at any time after they were born:**

7. Has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months **or**
8. Has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months **or**

**One of their parents or grandparents:**

9. Was married in the parish.

If none of 1-9 applies, **yes**, they can still marry in this church if:

10. They are granted a Special Licence.

*NB. The eligibility requirements for Special Licences should, where relevant, be explained to the couple according to their circumstances.*

*This check list is an at-a-glance guide to how a couple can be connected to your church under the Church of England 2008 Marriage Measure.*

*Where the connection is through church services (baptism, confirmation, marriage or attendance) we mean Church of England services.*

*For more information about marriage law see the House of Bishop's Guidance on [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)*

## Banns of marriage

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A wedding in church is a legal occasion, as well as a spiritual one, and the system of “reading banns” is the way we ensure that an upcoming marriage will be legally valid. The banns are simply an announcement of the couple’s intention to marry.

### FAQ's:

**Do you both live in the parish of St Matthew’s Triangle & All Saints?** *Then you must have your banns read here.*

**Do you live in another parish (or other parishes), but intend to get married here?** *Then you must have your banns read in each church.*

**We don’t know the vicar of the other church(es) involved.** *We can tell you who they are, but it is up to you (not us) to contact them.*

**How do I get the banns read?** *We ask that you complete a form, so that the church is booked for the slot you want.*

**When will our banns be read at St Matthew’s?** *On the first 3 Sundays of the month before your wedding, at our 10a.m. service.*

**Is that all we need to know about the legal side?** *Normally, yes, although there are some circumstances that need special processes (e.g. involving non-UK nationals)*

## The Service

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At the first meeting with one of our clergy, details of the wedding service can be discussed. You may like to choose a special Bible passage to be read - the clergy will give some suggestions if you need help in this.

## Music

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You can have nearly anything you like... You can have a CD, keyboardist, organist, full band... It’s up to you! We have a couple of organists which can arrange for you. They range from £75-£100

## Flowers

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Again you can arrange with your florist on how you wish to have flowers in church. We don’t really have our own florists but we can always see if any of the ladies from the flower arranging team would be able to help you out.

## More Information

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You may find the national wedding website helpful as you plan: [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

Please contact the church office for more information or to fill in a banns form:

01473 251630 [office.smast@gmail.com](mailto:office.smast@gmail.com)

## FEES FOR WEDDINGS HELD at ST MATTHEW'S (and ALL SAINTS) CHURCH

WEDDING SERVICE		DBF	PCC	TOTALS	
<u>Church</u>	<b>Service</b>	180.00	212.00	392.00	
	<b>Publishing Banns</b>		21.00	21.00	
	<b>Marriage Certificate</b>		4.00	4.00	
	<b>Verger</b>			50.00	
	<b>P/A (at rehearsal + £15)</b>			25.00	
					<b>492.00</b>
					<b>Total of cost <u>without</u> extras</b>
<u>Extras</u>	<b>Car Park</b>			25.00	
	Bells			95.00	
	Organist	*£75 - £100		75.00	
					<b>687.00</b>
					<b>Total of cost <u>with</u> extras</b>

*\*Please note this fee can be doubled if service is videoed*

<b>PUBLISHING BANNS FOR WEDDING AT DIFFERENT CHURCH</b>				
	Publishing Banns		21.00	<b>21.00</b>
	Certificate of Banns		13.00	<b>13.00</b>
				<b>34.00</b>

<b>SERVICE OF DEDICATION (after Civil Marriage)</b>
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Same as for wedding

During 2015 we may not be able to accommodate a wedding at St Matthew's due to the church undergoing a refurbishment.

We can however offer our other parish church All Saint's on Chevalier Street.