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The Benefice of
Sawtry, Glatton and Holme with Conington

Marriage Information Pack



All Saints', Sawtry

St. Nicholas, Glatton

St. Giles, Holme

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Congratulations!

Thank you for your inquiry about a wedding service. We love doing weddings and spending time with couples as they prepare for the big day, so we are delighted that you are considering holding your ceremony in one of our churches.

In marriage you begin a new life together as husband and wife, but we also hope and pray that as you prepare for a marriage or blessing service in church you will also find the invitation to begin a new life together with God at the centre of your relationship. We hope that this pack will help you to think through what marriage in a church is all about, and to give you all of the information and guidance you will need.

With every blessing on you and your plans,

Reverend Becky Dyball

Marriage in the United Benefice of Sawtry, Glatton and Holme (with Conington)

We are a benefice (group) of 3 churches covering the villages of Sawtry, Glatton, Holme and Conington and are part of the Church of England, Ely Diocese. The benefice is served by our Rector, Reverend Becky Dyball, our curate, Reverend Diane Kutar, a number of retired clergy and a number of authorised lay ministers. We have a number of weddings throughout the year so it is important that you speak to us before finalising the booking for your reception venue to ensure that we can offer the date or time that you prefer. Obviously, we can only book wedding services if a minister and the church are available; and we do all we can to fulfil your requests. We are also able to offer marriage blessing services both in church and at other venues and you can find further details on page 6.

Before the marriage service, you will be invited to meet with us and with other couples. There are three parts to this. Firstly, we will arrange to meet with you at an early stage just so that we can start to get to know you and answer any

questions that you have. Then you will be invited to our 'Marriage by Design' day that are held in the February/March of the year you get married - further details about this will be sent to you nearer the time and we'll let you know the date so you can get it in your diary. The expectation is that all couples who marry in our churches attend the Marriage by Design course. You can find further details on page 17. Finally, you will meet with the minister taking your wedding service for a rehearsal a few days prior to your wedding service. Both bride and groom are requested at all meetings, so that you can discuss and make decisions together.

A couple of websites that will help you in your planning are www.achurchnearyou.com and www.yourchurchwedding.org.

Who can be married here?

It is usually best for your wedding to take place in your local church, as part of your local community, and so if you are a resident in one of our parishes then we would be very happy to talk further with you about your wedding and you would be able to have your service in any of the benefice churches. If you aren't sure where your local church is, you will be able to find out by looking at www.achurchnearyou.com.

Of course there are sometimes very good reasons why you are looking for a wedding service somewhere other than your local church or area, for example where you grew up and where your family has connections. As long as you can show one of the following connections to one of the churches in our benefice, we should be able to offer you a wedding service.

You can marry in a Church of England church if you can show that:-

one of you:

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- was baptised (christened) in the parish concerned or
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish or
- has at any time regularly attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months or

one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- has regularly attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months or

one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

If you are looking to get married here by one of these links other than residency or regular church attendance, then we will need to see evidence of your connection to the parish that you would like to be married in. If you do not have an existing connection then one of you (or one of your parents) can establish one by attending church services here regularly over a period of at least six months, we'll happily talk this through with you.

“Marriage Blessing” Services

There may be reasons why you have not been able to be married in church, and are being married in a civil ceremony in this country or abroad. If you would like a service of prayer and dedication (Marriage Blessing) we would be happy to discuss this with you further. This can be held in one of the parish churches or in another venue, such as Holmewood Hall. Due to current rules in the Church of England, ministers are unable to bless same sex marriages at this time.

Marriage After Divorce

The Church of England teaches that marriage is for life. It also recognizes that some marriages sadly do fail and, if this should happen, it seeks to be available

for all involved. The Church accepts that, in exceptional circumstances, a divorced person may marry again in church during the lifetime of a former spouse. If either (or both) of you are divorced and wishing to be married in church, you should discuss this with us as soon as possible. We are willing to consider this in our parish but we will want to talk to you frankly about the past, your hopes for the future and your understanding of marriage. As a couple it may be helpful to consider together some of the following questions:

- What does marriage mean to you?
- What have you learned from your previous marriage?

- Has there been healing of past hurts?
- If you have children, how are they being looked after?
- What do others think of your marriage plans?
- When did your new relationship begin?
- Have either of you been divorced more than once?

If you wish to proceed with your enquiry, both of you should complete the additional application form, see Page 25 and hand it to your parish minister. You will also need to bring with you written legal proof that any divorce decree is absolute. (A decree nisi will not be sufficient.)

Basic Legalities

There are a few other important legal requirements that you need to be aware of:

- No one under the age of 16 may be married
- No one under the age of 18 (and over 16) may be married without parental consent
- At present Church of England clergy are unable to officiate same sex marriage services or blessings.
- There are a number of close relationships between people which are not permitted to marry (if you are not sure if you might fall into this category then please just ask us)
- We will need to be satisfied that foreign nationals are legally entitled to be married in the UK – new rules effective from 2015 mean that we will need to refer you to our lawyers or to a civil registrar in order to fulfil the legal requirements for such marriages.
- ID checks are required for everyone wishing to be married.

What can we expect from the church?

The church takes marriage very seriously, which is why we like to explore with you what Marriage is about. We will seek to help you understand what promises you will be asked to make and also to think through what marriage is all about. See Page 17. We hold a 'Marriage by Design' day and we ask you both to join us. This is to help ensure you have put the best possible foundations in place for your marriage. We really look forward to being part of this exciting journey with you.

You are always welcome to come to any of our church services and our invitation is open to everyone.

Here are some useful details about each church:

	All Saints', Sawtry	St.Nicholas, Glatton	St.Giles, Holme
Seating Capacity	180	200	150
Toilet	Yes	Toilets available in village hall across the road from church (small fee applicable)	There are no toilets in the church however arrangements can often be made (at a small cost) to use local amenities. We advise informing guests there are no toilets at the church.
Baby Change	Yes	-	-
Parking – <i>please ask guests to park considerately for our neighbours</i>	Ample street parking	Ample street parking and grass (weather allowing)	Ample street parking
Disabled Access	Yes	Yes	Yes
Confetti	Biodegradable only	Biodegradable only	Biodegradable only

I think I qualify for a marriage or blessing service. What do I do next?

Once you have read through the frequently asked questions, this is what needs to happen:

- 1) Please contact us to check if the date you would like is available. We will make a provisional booking, take some contact details from you and give (or send) you this booklet, which includes a Wedding Application Form.
- 2) Complete the Wedding Application Form.

- 3) If your marriage is by qualifying connection rather than residency, please also complete the 'Connections' form and return it to us.
 - If you have been married previously, and are now divorced you need to complete the "Marriage in Church after Divorce" (please see the FAQ section). You will also need to show your original Decree Absolute to the Minister when you meet.
 - If you have been married but your previous partner has died we simply need to see their death certificate when we meet you.
- 4) Return all appropriate paperwork to us electronically or by post.
- 5) We will arrange an initial meeting with you and Becky or another appropriate person, just so we can get to know you and answer any questions you have at that point.
- 6) Once we have received your application form and accompanying paperwork and processed it, we will then tell you whether you can be married by the calling of banns, marriage schedule or if you will need to apply for a common licence (this is just a technical bit and nothing to be concerned about)
- 7) To confirm the booking a (refundable) deposit of £300 (which will be deducted off your final invoice) will be required and can be paid by bank transfer or cheque.
- 8) Come along to the 'Marriage by Design' day, these are held at the beginning of the year you are getting married. If you are unable to attend the day or we are unable to host a day that year, it is our hope and expectation that you meet with Becky or one of our marriage preparation team to have a relaxed and informative discussion about your big day and your marriage ongoing.
The next Marriage by Design course is 18th March 2023 at the Greystones Pub in Sawtry.
- 9) Nearer the service, we will arrange the calling of your banns which are usually required. The Banns are an announcement in church of your intention to marry and a chance for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place. When we call your banns, we pray for you, and it can be quite a special occasion if you are able to attend. We'll send you a special invitation so you know when yours are being read.
- 10) If you live outside the benefice, **it is your responsibility to arrange for banns** to be called in your local parish church as well. To find your local parish church, please have a look at www.achurchnearyou.com. Once they have been read, you will be given a banns certificate, which you will need to return to us as soon as you receive it.

- 11) About 12 weeks before your marriage service a final invoice will be sent (see Wedding Fees for 2023 page 24). The fees need to be paid at least 8 weeks before your service otherwise we won't be able to hold the service.
- 12) We will arrange for you to have a rehearsal in the church, usually a few days before your wedding, to rehearse the words you will say to one another, and to work out who goes where!
- 13) The big day. We will do our best to make it as special as we can for you!

Preparing to meet the minister

Soon after we have received your paperwork we will be in touch with you to arrange a first meeting, where we will explain what happens next. This doesn't need to take longer than an hour, as there are future opportunities to iron out details.

We will agree with you a location to meet; at your home, The Rectory or arrange to meet you in the church you wish to get married in.

Before first meeting the minister, there are a couple of things that you can do to prepare. Firstly, have a look at www.yourchurchwedding.org and start to think about the questions that you might have. This brilliant website may answer some of them, but feel free to ask us anything.

Secondly, it is now a legal requirement for us to confirm your identity and we do this at the first meeting. Please see the [Identity Documents list](#) for the appropriate forms of identification we can use for verification.

We don't need to take your documents away; we'll just check them there and then.

Please Note. This is an important part of the legal element of your marriage and our minister is required to see both bride and groom - in person - with the original documents (copies are not acceptable).

Some Frequently Asked Questions

Can I get married in any Church of England church?

Not quite, but you can either get married in your local parish church, or in any other church where you can demonstrate a relevant qualifying connection. See page 6.

I'm not baptised (christened) / I don't attend church. Can I still get married in a church?

Yes you can! If as part of the process of preparation for marriage you feel that you would like to be baptised, we would be very happy to talk that through with you too.

We have a date in mind, what should we do next?

Before you book anything else, please speak to us. We realise that you will be under pressure to book reception venues, florists, photographers, cars etc., but if we don't have a minister or the church available then we are not able to offer a service. Please speak to us to make sure that date is free before you book anything else.

Are there any restrictions to when a wedding can take place?

Marriages can only take place between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm, but can take place on any day of the week. In the periods leading up to Easter and Christmas we are a little busier than usual, so please speak to us early if you are thinking of these times of year.

We would like to have a video recording made of our wedding. Is that possible?

Yes, that is possible. There is a protocol to ensure the appropriate copyright permissions are granted and a cost to achieve this and we can discuss this with you.

What if one or both of us has been married before?

We recognize that sometimes things go wrong, irreparably, in relationships. And we also believe in a God who forgives and gives new life. So in most cases we are happy to offer remarriage after divorce, although the minister officiating at the service will want to talk through with you what happened in the previous marriage.

You will need to complete the form “Marriage in Church after Divorce” see page 6 and page 25.

Can I be married by banns?

Banns need to be read in the parish where each of you lives as well as the parish church in which you are to be married, if that is somewhere else. Your banns will be read out in church in our main morning service for three Sundays during the three months before the wedding – we will let you know when this is due to happen.

If there is not enough notice given for the banns to be read before the marriage is due to take place, or in the case of the marriage of people whose nationality is not British, or if one or both of you do not live in England, processes other than banns may be necessary. If this is your situation then please make this clear to the minister as soon as you enquire about getting married and they will provide further guidance specific to your circumstances.

What happens if one of us is a foreign national?

Where one or both parties to a proposed marriage document is a foreign national you may still be able to marry within church. However, we will be unable to use the reading of banns as the preliminaries. If this is your situation then please make this clear to the minister as soon as you enquire about getting married and they will provide further guidance specific to your circumstances.

What if we are in the Armed Forces deployed overseas?

If you are a service man or woman is stationed abroad, your banns may still be read in your home parish in the UK. Your civilian fiancé(e) banns should be similarly read and there is no need for a Common Licence. If you are both servicemen and women serving overseas, it is permissible for banns to be called in your respective home parishes.

Who makes the Order of Service?

If you are having a printed Order of Service you can have these professionally printed, or you can make them yourself. We have a number of examples from previous weddings that we can show you to give you an idea of the different styles that people have used. As part of the time spent meeting with the minister we will talk about how we can personalise the service to make it special for you, and we

will discuss your choices of hymns and readings. Please let the minister see a copy of the proposed order of service before you have it printed.

If you can, please bring the orders of service along to the wedding rehearsal that can be really useful and gives you one less thing to think about on the big day.

Can we have special performers/singers in for our wedding service?

All content of the service including any music performed by others has to be agreed in advance with the minister who is taking the service. In addition to agreement the minister may wish to talk with external performers to ensure the sanctity of the service is kept.

How late is 'late'?

Our ministers may have multiple weddings or other appointments in different churches on the same day. No weddings will be scheduled on the same day with start times less than two hours apart. Extreme lateness may cause us all problems.

Guests often arrive 1 hour or 45 minutes before the service starts, so ushers should be there early, ready to hand out Orders of Service and direct the first guests to their places. We like our grooms to be at the church 30 minutes before the ceremony is due to start and we prefer to have a stage managed 'late' bride, so we ask the bride to aim to be at the church 5 minutes before the official start time. This will allow time for the various parties to have photographs outside the church, with a little reserve for delays in travel, and a moment to relax before you 'arrive' in church with the traditional lateness that a beautiful bride deserves.

We do understand that if you are travelling some distance to get to church on the day you may encounter traffic problems so please build this in to your schedule for the day, and have a phone with you so that you can contact somebody who will be at the church to let us know. We will do everything in our power to assist you however if you are "excessively" late, the service will need to be reduced accordingly.

We have a friend/relative who is ordained. Can they take the service?

We will be happy to discuss involvement of other clergy in the service, although our Rector, Reverend Becky may also want to be involved and certain permissions may need to be obtained, so please let us know early on in the discussion. Please note that ministers of other churches and denominations cannot officiate at marriages in a Church of England building – though there are other ways in which they can be involved in the service.

How much is this all going to cost?

The Church of England reviewed and revised its fee structure for weddings in 2013 to make it more straightforward, transparent and consistent in every parish. Below, you will find information to help you understand what is included in your costs, and what extras we are able to offer to make your day more special and run smoothly.

The basic fee for a Church of England wedding in 2023 will be £539. It is reviewed annually in October, effective from January 1st the next year, and will be related to the increase in the Retail Price Index, so we'll be able to confirm the costs for 2024 in November 2023.

This fee includes the following:

- the cost of the minister taking your wedding
- use of the church for the specified time, and lighting of it
- meeting with you and communication during the months before the wedding
- Marriage Preparation
- the wedding rehearsal
- the calling of your banns
- your marriage certificate
- all administration
- the marriage ceremony itself!

Any items additional to this, whilst they may appear fairly essential elements to a wedding, are counted as 'optional extras' – organ, cleaning, vergers and heating - which you must request according to your requirements. We are not allowed, by

law, to include these fees in a basic package, but we are allowed to determine our own fees for these items – and these costs must be reasonable.

Of these extras, we strongly recommend the following to all wedding couples:

- **Verger.** This is a member of the local congregation who makes sure that the church is prepared for the service, that the registers are filled out and all is prepared in order that the minister can perform the service without hitches. He or she assists your ushers and your guests on the day, and undertakes a number of other tasks to support the clergy. They will be there on the day, when required at rehearsals and are paid by us for performing this essential role. They will have given up about half a day of their time for your wedding. We hope you will recognise their value in making your day run smoothly.
- **Heating.** If your wedding is between October and April and we have to turn the heating on when we would not normally do so, we ask you to cover the costs of this. Unfortunately, the heating has to be on for several hours to make our ancient energy-inefficient buildings warm enough to use.
- **Sound System and Operator.** This will ensure all your guests will be able to hear what is being said and amplified music through the sound system (especially helpful for those hard of hearing).

We hope that you agree that the overall cost of the church service and the extras that we offer is reasonable, and please do ask if you wish us to clarify anything.

How do I pay?

On receipt of your application and confirmation of the date of your marriage service an invoice will be sent for a deposit of £300. This is payable at the time of booking, and will be banked and deducted from your final invoice.

A final invoice will be sent and full payment is to be received no later than 8 weeks before your marriage service.

If, for any reason, your wedding is cancelled 8 or more weeks before the date of the marriage service this deposit will be returned to you. If cancelled during the 8 weeks preceding your wedding service this deposit will be retained by the church.

We can accept payment by bank transfer or cheque and details of which will be found on your invoice. Please use REF: date of Wedding, Grooms Surname e.g 22.06.21.Smith when making payment.

If there are any problems in paying please let us know as soon as possible. As we can discuss the possibility of staged payments, in all instances fees must still be **fully paid** 8 weeks prior to the marriage service.

What is the Marriage by Design Course?

We know that in reality 50% of all marriages end in divorce. We want to do all we can to support and enable, in practical ways, your marriage. We want to give you all the resources needed to build and sustain a happy marriage. That is why it is our expectation and hope that all will attend the course.

Marriage by Design is a popular resource for anyone preparing to marry. In fact, 99% of all couples who take part say that they would recommend it to others. It is a series of 35 to 60-minute sessions that can be completed all together over the course of a day. There is a great mix of video clips, helpful guidance and down-to-earth stories. There will be guided individual activities and time for discussion with your partner. All our wedding couples will be there but you will just be working with your partner. It is a great opportunity to learn new skills and habits that will help you to build strong foundations for a lifetime together.

The next Marriage by Design course is 18th March 2023 at the Greystones Pub in Sawtry.

The Wedding Service

Here's an outline of the wedding ceremony. We'll talk more about this when we meet, but you can start thinking about your music and readings and other ways of making your service unique to you. See www.yourchurchwedding.org for some ideas on this.

The Procession

The service usually begins with some processional music when the bride and her attendants arrive and she goes down the aisle to join the bridegroom at the front of the church. The music used may be the traditional, 'Here comes the bride' but there are other choices of music which can be equally suitable.

The Welcome and Introduction

The minister will welcome the bride, the bridegroom, friends and family and a hymn is then usually sung. (There will also be a hymn or hymns at other points in the service as well). The minister will introduce the service and remind everyone that they have come together in the presence of God to witness your marriage and to ask God's blessing on your future life together.

There follows a short explanation about how the Bible and the Church understand Christian Marriage as a gift from God. Everyone is reminded that you are about to start a new life as a married couple in the community and are asked to pray that you will receive strength and guidance for this new commitment that you are about to make.

The Declarations

Firstly, the congregation, and then you, are asked whether there is any reason in law why you cannot be married. This is the final check that you can lawfully marry. You are also reminded that you are making your promises before God.

Readings and Homily

A passage from the Bible will be read (which you can choose beforehand) to highlight one of the many aspects of God's love for us. You may also like an additional reading, such as a poem, at this point. The minister will then give a short address to help everyone focus on the meaning of Christian Marriage.

The Vows

Firstly, the congregation, and then you, are asked whether there is any reason in law why you cannot be married. This is the final check that you can lawfully marry. You are also reminded that you are making your promises before God.

In your vows you are both promising to give your whole lives to each other, just as we believe Jesus gave his life for us. Your marriage will then lay claim to be the most important thing for both of you for the rest of your lives. You will promise to be faithful to each other, to love one another totally, to honour and respect each other and be committed to one another whatever life may bring you both.

These vows are the most solemn part of the service, as in taking them you are joining yourselves for life before God and before your family and friends.

The Rings

Your rings are blessed by the minister and you exchange them. This is a symbol of the promises that you have made each other on your wedding day.

The Blessing

The marriage formalities are now complete (except for the signing of the Registers which come later). The focus then moves towards God– the minister will ask you to kneel for a prayer of blessing. We will pray that God, through his Holy Spirit, will be with you throughout your life together and that by your lives you will show to others God's love, joy and peace.

The Signing of the Marriage Document or Schedule

This is the last formality of the service when you are both required to sign the Wedding Registers to confirm that your marriage has taken place. Your signatures will need to be witnessed by two other adults.

Prayers

There will follow some prayers for yourselves and your future life together. These prayers are something that the entire congregation can share in together, and you may have a friend or relative who would like to lead the prayers.

The service ends

You will now leave the church as a newly married couple, to share the joy of the day with your friends and family.

Some general notes applying to all our churches

Access to the Church

Your party will have access to the church an hour before the wedding service is scheduled to start, if you need additional time for florists to bring arrangements for example this will need to be agreed in advance with the minister.

Flowers

You are most welcome to enhance the beauty of our churches with extra flowers to coordinate with the colour scheme of your weddings and we always appreciate it when you are able to leave displays behind so that others can continue to enjoy them. However if you do need to move them to alternative venues please ensure that great care is taken and that any candles within the displays are blown out, cooled and stable before removal.

Our churches are usually decorated for Sunday services by local teams. Most of our churches have a Flower Co-ordinator who is there to provide you with advice on the availability of stands, vases etc., and acceptable practice within their church. If you would like the church to help with Pew End decorations or other flowers please let us know, we have gifted flower arrangers who would be willing to help at very reasonable cost.

On rare occasion there will be more than one wedding in the church on your day or over the weekend, so we may suggest that you coordinate with another wedding party.

Confetti

Biodegradable confetti is most welcome as it disappears or disperses very quickly. Rose petals are particularly suitable and attractive. Please do not use rice (as this is harmful for birds) or plastic or metal items which are intended for table decorations.

Legalities

In addition to the other legal requirements outlined, it might seem a strange thing to say but It is important that bride and groom plus witnesses are all sober when the marriage takes place. This is to ensure that all legal requirements are met.

Organists and music

We have organists available, or you may have a friend or relative whom you may wish to invite to play. During the signing of the wedding registers the organist will usually play accompanying music or you can choose your own music to play.

Photos and Videos

Almost everybody has a camera and filming function on their mobile phones now, but we will ask your guests not to take photos and videos during the service (until the exit of the bride and groom), so that they can enjoy the ceremony and participate fully. We like to say we want to see your smiles not your screens.

Whether you are using professionals or a friend or relative to keep the official record of your special day, we ask them to be discreet so that they do not distract you or your guests from proceedings. Please ask them to co-ordinate with the minister on the day. We also have some great locations and 'hiding' places to ensure you get the best snaps of your special day. We promise to give everyone a 'paparazzi' moment.

Social Media: #lovedoingweddings

We often use Facebook and Twitter to post pictures of our weddings and we are not shy of a selfie or two. If you are uncomfortable with your photos going on our social media platforms, please let us know. We will also speak to each couple and find out your preference for social media use and will often ask guests within the notices not to upload photos until they see the bride and groom have done so themselves.

Children

We love children in church and will ensure they receive a warm welcome. If you know you will have a lot of children at your wedding please let us know as we can arrange some appropriate activities for them to have use of. Where possible, we have created areas where children and their carers can go when little ones start to get restless or hungry, All Saints' have a toilet and baby change facility.

If you have children of your own already, please talk to us about finding ways that your children can be included in the service itself to make it special for them and for you as a family. We also request you ensure that somebody else can be responsible for them during the service so you can focus on one another.

Retiring collections and contactless payment

A collection plate is left out at all services and all funds collected go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the church. We also have contactless/card payment devices in All Saints and St. Giles and will encourage their use during the service. We've found this is a great job for ushers or other members of the bridal party during the signing of the register.

Recommended Suppliers

We have the privilege of working with many photographers, florists etc. and often get asked who we recommend. These are just a few we work with locally.

Josh Hyde Weddings (Photography and videography)

<https://www.jhydeweddings.com/>

Email - Josh@jhydeweddings.com

Mobile - 07703858439

Keepsakes of Yaxley (Florist)

<https://www.keepsakesofyaxley.com/>

Email - info@keepsakesofyaxley.com

Phone - 01733 242107

Holmewood Hall (reception venue)

<https://www.holmewood-hall.co.uk/>

Email - info@holmewood-hall.co.uk

Phone - 01487 829555

Greystones Pub (reception venue)

<https://www.thegreystonessawtry.co.uk/>

Email – enquiries@thegreystonessawtry.co.uk

Phone – 01487 831999

Sawtry Cars (Taxi Company)

Phone – 01487 832804

Liz Greenhalgh Photography (Photographer)

<https://www.lizgreenhalgh.co.uk/>

Email – liz@lizgreenhalgh.co.uk

Phone – 07739 853413

Royal India Afternoon Tea (Catering)

<https://www.theroyalindianafternoontea.co.uk>

Phone – 07448 206913 (Whatsapp)

Rugrats Soft Play Hire

<https://rugratssoftplayhire.co.uk>

Sweet Taste of America (Sweet Bags and Treats for wedding reception)

<https://sweettasteofamerica.co.uk>

Debbie Coates - Wedding Baby Sitting

Text message please - 07910 473230

Contacting Us

Please contact Reverend Becky Dyball initially with your enquiry about a marriage service and then the relevant minister (it may not always be Becky taking the service and we will confirm this with you as soon as we are able) to discuss the details of your wedding service.

Reverend Becky Dyball



Tel: 01487 506217

Email: revdyball@gmail.com

Twitter: Follow @dyballbecky #lovedoingweddings

Wedding Fees for 2023



Required Parochial Church Fees	Cost
Publication of Banns	£ 34.00
Marriage Service	£505.00
Total Required	£539.00
Recommended Extras	Cost
Verger	£ 65.00
Heating (October - April)**	£ 96.00
Sound System and Operator	£ 65.00
Organist	£110.00
Use of Organ or Piano by your own musician	£ 30.00
Cleaning	£ 39.00
Optional Extras	
Verger to attend rehearsal	£ 30.00
Sound system Operator to attend rehearsal	£ 30.00
Zoom system and Live Broadcast (up to 95 connections)*	£165.00
Zoom Operator*	£ 65.00
Zoom Operator to attend rehearsal*	£ 30.00
One Celebration Interlude music/photo slide show with up to 60 JPG photo files provided by the couple*	£ 30.00
*This service is only available at All Saints' and details can be discussed with Becky.	
** Heating fees are reviewed quarterly and may change.	

The Parochial Fees are reviewed annually by the Church of England in October, and are based on the increase in the Retail Price Index for the 12 month period leading up to September, becoming effective from the following 1st January.

PAYMENT

Please see page 17

Application Forms

Please follow the link below (or cut and paste in your browser) to find our application form. Please ensure all information entered is accurate and this will be used to create your marriage document, which is the basis of the legal aspect of your wedding service.

[Application Form](#)

Should either party be divorced please also complete the following form as well as the application form:

[Additional Application Form](#)

Marriage Identity Checklist

Three documents must be seen. One option from Group 1 plus one from Group 2.

N.B. Our minister needs to see you both – in person – with the ***original*** documents (*copies are not acceptable*).

Group 1:

A valid British or Irish Passport

Or

Certificate of Naturalization

Or

If you were born before 1/1/83:

UK Birth certificate

Or

If you were born on or after 1/1/83

UK Birth certificate

Evidence of parent's British Citizenship

Parents' marriage certificate

Group 2:

Bank/building society/credit card statement*

Utility Bill**

Council Tax Bill***

Mortgage Statement***

Current residential tenancy agreement

Valid driving license

* Should be issued within the last month

** should be issued with the last 3 months

*** should be issued within the last 12 months

APPLICANT 1: Name:

Document 1:

Document 2:

APPLICANT 2: Name:

Document 1:

Document 2:

We confirm that the above documents are genuine originals, and that they confirm the identity of both applicants for marriage.

Signed **(Applicant 1)**

Signed **(Applicant 2)**

Signed **(Document checker) Date**

Establishing Connection Attendance Form

Your name.....

If you are intending to establish a connection with our churches through regular attendance over a period of at least six months you need to bring this with you and get it signed by the minister before we are able to finally confirm your wedding booking. If you cannot show us this evidence we will be unable to conduct a marriage service for you. This is a legal requirement!

The person attending to build up the connection must be the same one each time – either bride or groom, or their mother or father. Obviously others can attend with you and we'd love to see you.

You can attend any service over this period at any of our churches – it doesn't have to be the same one each time, but we do need to see attendance at least once each month over the six month period. This can include non-Sunday and seasonal services.

<i>Date & time of service</i>	<i>Church attended</i>	<i>Minister's name (CAPITALS)</i>	<i>Minister's signature</i>

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