

# Getting Married at St Chads



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# Congratulations!



**We are delighted that you have decided to be married at St Chad's. To be married in church you don't have to be baptised or be a regular attender. Though of course, a church wedding does include that vital dimension of seeking God's blessing not only on your wedding day but also throughout your married life.**

**For such a special day, we offer a special place and we want to help you plan a personal, meaningful, spiritual and beautiful church wedding. The following notes have been prepared to help you get ready for that important day and for that new life together.**

**An informal interview** with a member of church staff, principally to deal with legal and practical matters.

**Your Banns of Marriage** will be read at St Chad's in the 3 month period leading up to the wedding day. If one of you lives in another parish, you will also have to arrange for the banns to be read there and you will need to bring the certificate with you to the rehearsal.

## **A rehearsal in church**

To help you feel more relaxed on the big day and to help the service run smoothly, we have a rehearsal in church. This lasts about 30 minutes and should be attended by the main participants i.e. bride, groom, bride's father, best man and the chief bridesmaid. Others are welcome! We 'walk' right through the service together and this helps dispel a lot of the fears. We will arrange the rehearsal the week leading up to your wedding. If your banns have been read at another church, please bring the certificate to the rehearsal.

## **Marriage course**

We offer a marriage course to help couples prepare for married life and to enrich the relationships of those already married.

# Preparing the service



## Hymns

All things bright and beautiful  
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
Amazing Grace  
At the name of Jesus every knee  
shall bow  
Be still, for the presence of the  
Lord  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
Great is thy faithfulness  
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
In heavenly love abiding  
Lead us heavenly father lead us  
Lord Jesus Christ, you have come  
to us  
Love divine, all love excelling  
Make me a channel of your peace  
Morning has broken  
Now thank we all our God  
O Jesus I have promised  
Praise, my soul, the King of  
Heaven  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The King of love my shepherd is  
The Lord's my shepherd I'll not  
want  
To God be the glory

## Music

The kind of music you choose for your wedding is important. It has quite an impact on the 'feel' of the service. The special music for the entrance of the bride and the procession out can be played by the organist or can be on CD. We have a good sound system in the church. You must choose what feels right for you.

During the service we want the congregation to be able to participate by joining in the singing of a number of songs or hymns. Most people choose two hymns, though it is not uncommon to have a number of worship songs in the middle of the service as well. Choose hymns that you think your guests may know.

We have included a list of suggestions based purely on the hymns that are most frequently sung at weddings. Please feel free to consider other choices. You may also want to think about what is played during the signing of the registers.





## Readings

At a church wedding we always have at least one Bible reading. Below are some suggestions. You may also want to include a non-biblical reading or poem. We are happy to give advice about your choices.

**Matthew 5: 1-10** Jesus teaches about true happiness

**Mark 10: 6-9** Jesus teaches about marriage

**John 2: 1-11** Jesus attends a wedding reception

**1 Corinthians 13** Love actually! The most popular reading at weddings

**Ephesians 5:21-33** Committing to each other

**Colossians 3: 12-17** Qualities that make all the difference

**1 John 4: 7-12** Being a good lover



## Order of Service

It is important that the choice of hymns and music is agreed with the staff taking the service before you go to print. We are always happy to help you choose suitable music.



## Videos and Photographers

Having a lasting record of the great day is very important. We are always happy to work with your photographer and/or video camera operator to get the best results, without undue disturbance to the ceremony.

## Flowers

St Chad's is a beautiful church and is always decorated with a pedestal of flowers by our team of volunteer flower arrangers. Some couples arrange for a florist to come into church to do special flower arrangements for their wedding day.

## Wedding Planner

The Church of England has a very helpful website to help you plan your wedding. It takes you step by step through the planning process and even enables you to listen to hymns and quickly find the text of suggested readings. Go to [www.yourchurchwedding/planner](http://www.yourchurchwedding/planner).

## Fees

We regret that there is a wedding fee! Part of this fee is fixed by Parliament for legal charges and a contribution towards clergy salaries.

Basic wedding costs   £594

Optional charges

Organist   £ 100

Heating (between Oct-April)   £ 100