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IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SERVICE GUIDE



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All Welcome**

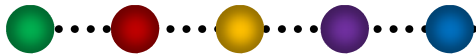


Congratulations

on your forthcoming marriage!

We know that this unique day marks a tremendous step in your ongoing love and we are delighted that you want to celebrate your commitment in church. Read on to discover how to organize and prepare for your marriage -and what will happen on the day.

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Can we get married in a church?

You're welcome to marry in the Church of England whatever your beliefs, whether or not you are christened and regardless of whether you go to church or not. It's your church, and we welcome you!

- Why get married in Church?

- What do Christians believe about marriage?

- What if one of us is divorced?

Your church wishes you a lifetime of love that grows within God's protection. But we recognise that some marriages do fail for all sorts of sad and painful reasons.

- What if one of us is a foreign national?

- Should we have one ring or two?

- Can we have a video recording of the service?

- Can we have any music we like?

- How much will it cost?

For the answers to these, or any other questions please go to

<http://www.yourchurchwedding.org>

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The legal fees for a marriage cover

- *reading the banns,*
 - *a certificate of banns (if necessary),*
 - *the marriage service and*
 - *a certificate of marriage.*
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These fees are fixed centrally and you can find the table of fees online (Table of Parochial Fees).

Other fees (fixed locally) cover any extras, such as a choir, organist, bell ringers, video, verger, maintenance.

How much does it cost?

Who must I get in touch with?

What else needs organising?

WEDDING FEES WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2022

STATUTORY FEES*	COST
Publication of the Banns	£32.00
Certificate of Banns (when you live outside the Parish you get married in)	£16.00
Marriage Service	£480.00
<i>The Church no longer issues the Marriage Certificate, this must be obtained after your wedding from the local Registrar's office</i>	

Please note that if your banns need to be read in more than one Parish, an additional payment of £46 will be payable to that/those Parishes. This cost includes the publication of the banns in that parish plus the certificate (£15.00) which you will need to present to the church here in Staplehurst.

*STANDARD FEES	COST
Verger	£43.00

The Verger organizes the practical management of the church for your wedding service and is in attendance at the time of the rehearsal and service to assist the Minister. This service and fee, while not statutory, can only be waived in exceptional circumstances (please speak to Mrs Julia Page, Parish Administrator in the first instance).

*OPTIONAL EXTRAS	COST
Choir	£100.00
Soloist	£16.00
Organist	£98.00
Organ upkeep fund	£24.00
Video (with organist – part payment to organist, remainder for Video Licence)**	+ £139.00
Sound System Operator (for playing CDs)	£36.00
Upkeep of Amplification system	£11.00
Bells	£200.00
Heating (generally from Oct-Mar only)	£70.00

These are the services that you can choose to have at your wedding. Please let Julia Page the Parish Administrator know as soon as possible which extras you will require so she may put the necessary arrangements in place.

A deposit of £100 is required on booking your wedding. This is non-refundable in the event of your ceremony being cancelled.

All fees payable are due no later than one month before the date of your wedding. Payment can be made by cheque payable to 'All Saints Church PCC' or by direct Bank Transfer.

You may also like to consider making a donation to help with the upkeep and work of Staplehurst Church. If you are a tax-payer then this amount can be gift-aided.

Extras you may choose to have but which are not directly payable to the church:

****DVD RECORDING:** *If you wish to make a DVD recording of your ceremony you will need to make a request to the Church Office. Under Section 182 Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 the Organist is entitled to an additional fee of 100% of the fee i.e. a further £98 making the total fee £196. You may also need to obtain a licence from www.prsformusic.com (Limited Manufacture Licence), a copy of which will need to be kept in your records at the Church Office. Please note that you provide your own choice of videographer.*

Please see separate section on Pages 21-23 and refer to the following website regarding professional photography: www.yourwedding.org and, for further information regarding Livestreaming and videography: <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/article/filming-a-wedding/?amp>

FLOWERS: These are available through our Church Flower Arrangers; Coordinator Marion Christie (see separate flower form for you to complete)

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Wedding Reminders



The clergy and organist will do their best to ensure that your wedding is a truly memorable occasion. Please help us by reading these notes carefully.

Punctuality

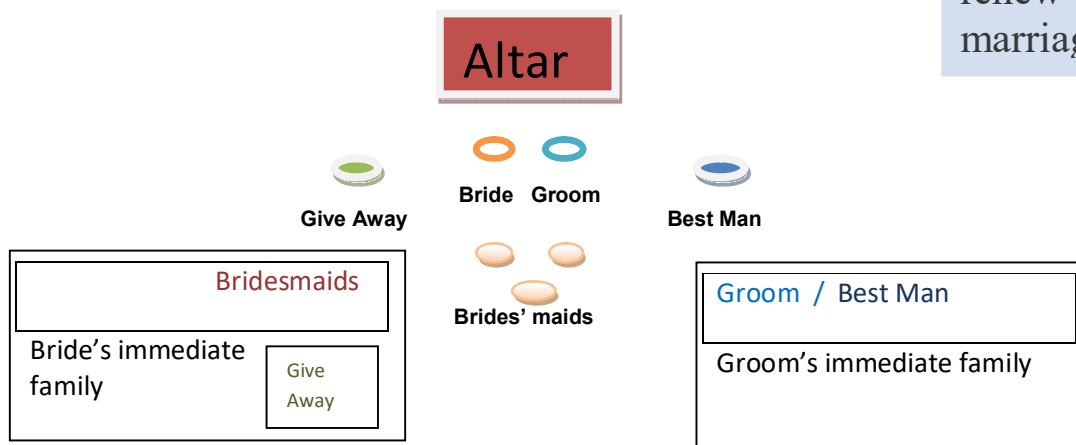
Being on time is a high priority. A wedding always runs more smoothly if the principal participants are on time. Please ensure you allow enough time for:

The Groom to arrive at least 20 minutes before the start time. He should check the register before doing anything else.

The Bride to arrive at least 5 minutes before the start time. This allows for the arrival photographs.

If a wedding is delayed by an exceptionally late Bride or Groom it may be necessary to postpone the wedding until later in the day or another day altogether-or shorten the overall ceremony. Since other weddings may be booked later-or the clergy and/or Organist may have other appointments and there may be no choice over a postponement.

Usual Seating Arrangements & Standing positions for the Bridal Party



Types of wedding ceremony

The Church of England has a range of wedding services. There are also other services to fit different circumstances:

Marriage services

the authorised services for marrying couples

Service of Prayer and dedication

sometimes called a blessing', a simple service, designed for couples who have had a civil marriage ceremony and want to have a church service afterwards.

Services of Thanksgiving for Marriage

This is a service for those who wish to renew their marriage vows.

Plan your own service



It is now possible to plan your own unique wedding service

The marriage service itself has a clear structure, but within this structure you have many choices.

Order of Service

The Entry of the Bride*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

HYMN*

Preface - The Meaning of Marriage

The Declarations

Reading(s)*

Address

HYMN*

The Marriage (Vows & Giving of Rings)

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Prayers

HYMN*

Signing of the Registers*

Final Blessing

Exit of the Wedding Party*

The Marriage Service explained

What happens in the service? Here are the essential items set out

The Welcome The minister welcomes all who are gathered.

Preface - The Meaning of Marriage

The minister says this or an alternative Preface:

In the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we have come together to witness the marriage of NAME and NAME, to pray for God's blessing on them, to share their joy and to celebrate their love.

Marriage is a gift of God in creation through which husband and wife may know the grace of God. It is given that as man and woman grow together in love and trust, they shall be united with one another in heart, body and mind, as Christ is united with his bride, the Church.

The gift of marriage brings husband and wife together in the delight and tenderness of sexual union and joyful commitment to the end of their lives. It is given as the foundation of family life in which children are [born and] nurtured and in which each member of the family, in good times and in bad, may find strength, companionship and comfort, and grow to maturity in love.

Marriage is a way of life made holy by God, and blessed by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with those celebrating a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Marriage is a sign of unity and loyalty which all should uphold and honour. It enriches society and strengthens community. No one should enter into it lightly or selfishly but reverently and responsibly in the sight of almighty God.

NAME and NAME are now to enter this way of life. They will each give their consent to the other and make solemn vows, and in token of this they will [each] give and receive a ring. We pray with them that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen them, that they may fulfil God's purposes for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Declarations

The minister will ask if anyone knows any legal impediment to your marriage and will then ask you the same question, but in a slightly different form:

The vows you are about to take
are to be made in the presence of God,
who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts;
therefore if either of you knows a reason
why you may not lawfully marry, you must declare it now.

The minister says to the bridegroom:

NAME, will you take NAME to be your wife?
Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her,
and, forsaking all others,
be faithful to her
as long as you both shall live?

He answers: **I will.**

The minister says to the bride:

NAME, will you take NAME to be your husband?
Will you love him, comfort him,
honour and protect him,
and, forsaking all others,
be faithful to him
as long as you both shall live?

She answers: **I will.**

After some introductory words the minister says to the congregation

Will you, the families and friends
of NAME and NAME,
support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in the years to come?

They answer: **We will.**

The Collect

The minister may say the Collect, a special encompassing prayer that God will pour out His blessings upon you both.

Readings

Suggested Bible readings may be found later in this booklet. If you would prefer some other Scriptural reading, please ask the Minister. If you would like a family member or friend to read the Bible passage or a poem or other suitable material, please ask the Minister.

The Address

The Vows The minister may ask:

Who brings NAME to be married to NAME?

The bride's father (or another member of her family or a friend representing the family) gives the bride's right hand to the minister who puts it in the bridegroom's right hand. The bride and bridegroom face each other. The bridegroom takes the bride's right hand in his, and says

**I, NAME, take you, NAME,
to be my wife,
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.**

They loose hands. The bride takes the bridegroom's right hand in hers, and says:

**I, NAME, take you, NAME,
to be my husband,
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.**

The Giving of Rings The minister receives and blesses the ring(s).

The bride and groom place a ring on the fourth finger of the other's left hand and, holding it there, say in turn

**NAME, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

There is no legal requirement for two rings to be exchanged. If only one ring is used, then the bride's response will be slightly different.

The Proclamation

The minister proclaims you husband and wife, before inviting you to join hands, after which s/he says:

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

The Blessing of the Marriage

The husband and wife may be asked to kneel for a prayer of thanksgiving and praise followed by a blessing on the marriage.

Prayers

The minister may use a selection of prayers for you, followed by the Lord's Prayer, said by all.

Registration of the Marriage

The Minister will lead you to a suitable place in the church for the Signing of the Registers. Your Parents, Best Man, Bridesmaids and Pages, and two witnesses can join you there. There is no statutory minimum age for witnesses but they must be of sufficient maturity to understand that the ceremony is a marriage and know what this means.

The Final Blessing

Wedding music



Music at your wedding is a very personal choice.

Weddings over the centuries have included everything from classical soloists to rock bands.

Hymns

There are usually two or three hymns sung during a wedding service. Try to find hymns that are familiar to your guests - and are easy to sing!

You can also [listen to some of the most well-loved church wedding hymns on the Church of England Website](#), which may help you make your choice.

We make arrangements for an organist to play at all wedding services, unless otherwise requested. The services of a robed choir are available but subject to the availability of singers.

The following is a list of music which has proved popular at weddings. Every effort will be made to meet special requests, though music for anything unusual must be provided by you; it can be difficult to obtain music at short notice, particularly if it has not been clearly identified. The practicality of any unusual item must be discussed with the musician who is expected to play it!

Before the service

The organist's selection will normally be played, though requests are welcome.

Entry and Exit Music

The 'traditional' entry and exit music used at weddings is:

Entry:	Wagner	Bridal Chorus from 'Lohengrin'
Exit:	Mendelssohn	Wedding March from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Some alternative possibilities are:

Entry:	Handel	Arrival of the Queen of Sheba from 'Solomon'
	Handel	March from 'Scipio'
Exit:	Karg-Elert	Triumphal March from 'Nun Danket'
	Verdi	Grand March from 'Aida'

Entry or Exit:

Purcell	Trumpet Voluntary
Clarke	Trumpet Voluntary ('The Prince of Denmark's March')
Stanley	Trumpet Voluntary
Charpentier	Trumpet Tune from 'Te Deum'

Hymns and songs

You will want hymns that are not only suitable for a wedding, but will also be known by the congregation you have invited. The following list may be helpful in choosing hymns you would like. Usually there are three hymns in a wedding service. Think about what you want the hymns to say at different points in the service. For instance, it is good to have a hymn of praise or thanksgiving at the start and end of the service. The middle hymn, before/after the wedding vows have been taken, could be one of the hymns celebrating love, or asking for God's guidance or blessing.

If you are having an order of service printed with the words of the hymns included, it is essential that sufficient copies are made available for the organist and, if applicable, the choir (one copy for each member). In addition the Minister will require at least four copies for use by him/herself and the wedding party. This is important in order to avoid any misunderstanding during the service. (For certain hymns there exist differing versions of the words; or you may choose not to include all the verses of a hymn.)

All creatures of our God and King

All things bright and beautiful

Amazing grace!

And did those feet in ancient time (Jerusalem)

As the deer pants for the water

Bind us together, Lord

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Father, hear the prayer we offer

For the beauty of the earth

Give me joy in my heart

God of all living, Father, we praise you

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

I danced in the morning when the world was begun (Lord of the Dance)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Jesus, the Lord of love and life
Jesus, good above all other
Jesus, Lord we pray, be our guest today
King of glory, King of peace
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Lord, the light of your love is shining (Shine Jesus shine)
Love divine, all loves excelling
Make me a channel of your peace
May the grace of Christ our Saviour
Morning has broken
Now thank we all our God
O God in heaven, whose loving plan ordained
O Jesus, I have promised
O perfect Love all human thought transcending
O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height
O worship the king, all glorious above
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation
Praise my soul, the king of heaven
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
The King of love my shepherd is
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
Thine be the glory
Ye holy angels bright

Words of the hymns are available. We can also provide an electronic version by email. **Please use this facility rather than downloading words direct from the internet as these are often inaccurate or contain verses seldom sung.** If you are printing your own order of service it is important to check through the draft with your minister before making multiple copies.



Readings

All weddings in the Church of England include one or more readings from the Bible. There are many popular and exciting passages to consider ([www.online NRSV bible](http://www.onlineNRSVBible.com))

Genesis 1: 26-28

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’

Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6-7

My beloved speaks and says to me: ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.’ Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one’s house, it would be utterly scorned.

Romans 12: 1, 2, 9-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Ephesians 3: 14-21

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 4: 1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 5: 21-33

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind – yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

1 John 4: 7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Matthew 7: 21, 24-29

Jesus said: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Mark 10: 6-9,13-16

Jesus said, “At the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female’. ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

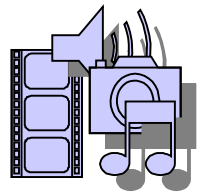
John 2: 1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” “Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My time has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Other Readings

You may wish to include other readings from the Bible or other sources, and the minister will be happy to discuss these with you.

Video and photography



We want you to have photographs of your Wedding Day and we will do everything possible to ensure that this happens. However, the marriage ceremony is an act of worship and undue distraction can detract from the aim of the service.

Therefore we have guidelines for photography at all our churches.

For recording the service we too have a clear policy which covers copyright issues. If you are recording the service a person's performance, e.g. an organist or choir, they are entitled to an additional fee. For details please look at your fee table.

- As far as the service is required we are happy for photographs to be taken as you come in, as you go out, and during the signing of the Registers.
- We ask that the official photographer for your wedding makes a point of speaking to the Minister before the service, ideally a couple of days beforehand about how photography will be conducted. During the ceremony **shots without flash** can be taken **discreetly by the official photographer**. No flash photography is permitted during the service.
- **These concessions only apply to the official photographer**
- **After the wedding**. On very rare occasions there may be more than one wedding on a Saturday, so we would ask photographers to co-operate by; ensuring that there is access to and from the church as guests depart from a previous wedding, or as guests arrive for the next one. Usually there is a 30 minute slot available for taking photographs after the wedding by church towers or other suitable locations away from the paths. When there is another wedding following please avoid blocking the paths or gateways as the next bride arrives.

Video

If your wedding is videoed, either professionally or by a member of your family the appropriate form needs to be completed and an additional fee paid

- It is essential that the videographer liaises with the minister conducting the wedding beforehand regarding the positioning of the equipment. Movement needs to be restricted to an absolute minimum.
- We are keen to maintain good relationships with photographers as they provide an important record of your special day. However, in the (hopefully rare) instance any photographer deliberately flouting these guidelines then we would reserve the right to ban them from photography at future weddings at the church.

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Application for Permission to Video Record in the Church and Churchyard

To the Incumbent and the Parochial Church Council

I / WE apply for permission to Video record the following Church Service:

- (i) Date and time of Service concerned:
- (ii) Full name/ address/ telephone number of Applicant
.....
.....
- (iii) Full name/ address/ telephone number of Company or person who will be making the Video recording:
- (iv)

I / WE understand that the prime purpose of the Service is an Act of Worship. The person making the recording will act at all times with care and discretion and strictly in accordance with the directions of the Incumbent. Nothing is to be done which would or could cause offence to worshippers at the Church.

I / WE undertake that the recording will be used solely for our personal and family purposes and will not be copied or used for any public or commercial purpose whatsoever.

I / WE accept all responsibility for obtaining any necessary copyright consent in respect of the words or music recorded.

I / WE agree to Indemnify the Incumbent and the Parochial Church Council in full in respect of any claims against them arising from the making, use and distribution of any video recording (Including any claims for breach of copyright) made pursuant to this permission.

I / WE acknowledge that any permission so given may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the Incumbent and the Parochial Church Council.

..... Date

Applicants

Where the video recording is to be undertaken by a Company or other person on behalf of the Applicants, the Company or other person is to countersign the Application to show that the Company or other person accepts the conditions and joins in the indemnity.

..... Date

Video Company or other person carrying out the videoing

I give permission on the basis of the above conditions.

..... Date

Incumbent

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Ushers

If you have appointed one or more of your guests to act as ushers then their role is to give out orders of service to other guests as they arrive and to assist them to find seats in a suitable part of the church. Please ask them to ensure that they arrive in good time to carry out their duties. It would be helpful to our Vergers if you could tell us if you have **not** appointed ushers so that other arrangements can be made.

Confetti

Please would you restrict the throwing of non-biodegradable confetti to outside the churchyard and dispose of the boxes considerately. It is perfectly acceptable to use any other types of confetti in the churchyard. Please also ask your guests not to use confetti containing tinsel as this is not bio-degradable.

Parking

Along the High Street or nearby streets where there are no parking restrictions.

In the Church Field by prior arrangement. The access is from Frittenden Road opposite the Cricket Club. From there you can cut across the churchyard to the church. The walk from the field to the churchyard is across uneven wild grass and is muddy when it is raining. The Churchyard path is in places uneven and can be slippery when it is raining.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

TIME	SERVICE	1 ST SUNDAY	2 ND SUNDAY	3 RD SUNDAY	4 TH SUNDAY	5 TH SUNDAY
8.00am	Holy Communion Service (BCP) ~ Church	√	√	√	√	√
10.00am	Parish Communion Service (CW) ~ Church	√	√	√	√	√

BCP*= Book of Common Prayer; CW*= Common Worship

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

All are welcome

<p>All are welcome to join in spirit and with their private prayers Tue - Fri</p>	MP&EP	<p>9.30am /5.00pm https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8365783814 Meeting ID: 836 578 3814 Password 424158 If after 5minutes the above link doesn't work try MP/EP 2</p>
	If MP/EP 2 fails, go to Mary's link MP 3	<p>John Wright's log in https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2839943736 Meeting ID: 2839943736 Password: 375115</p>
	MP/EP 3	<p>Mary Henley's log in https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85462806272 ID: 854 6280 6272 Passcode: 591288</p>
Wed	9.30am	<p>MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION in St. Georges Chapel</p>

The Church is open in daylight hours for private prayers

DONATIONS

Our Church costs **£2400** per week to run

www.allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk

If you wish to make a donation to All Saints Church, you can do so by **Standing Order**, by following the **Just Giving** link on our Website or by **Texting 'giveALL5'** £(1,3,10...) to **70085**. All **cheques** are payable to '**All Saints Church PCC**'. You can also now **register with the following link** :<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintschurchstaplehurst/>

WEDDING FLOWERS
All Saints Church, Staplehurst

Please complete this form and return it as soon as possible to:
Mrs Marion Christie, 4 Vine Walk, Staplehurst, TN12 0BQ

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone Number:.....

Date of Wedding:.....

Time of Wedding:.....

Colour Scheme.....

Please delete those categories below which you do not wish to apply:

1. We will pay *from* £75.00 for a pedestal, matching our colour scheme, by the pulpit and the Pascal Candle stand. (*These to remain in church please*)

2. We will provide our own flowers and flower arrangers. (*Please remember that the pulpit & Pascal candle must stay in Church and we do not allow flowers on the altar but any other flowers may be removed if wished*)

Florist/Flower arrangers Tel No:

3. Arrangement at rear of Church: *from* £60.00

3a. Arrangement in St. George's Chapel (for signing of the register): *from* £50.00

3b. 10 pew ends: *from* £50.00

Other possibilities are. Transept £50
 South door £50
 Choir vestry £50

Signature:.....Date.....

Should you have any other requests please contact our Flower Coordinator:
Flower Coordinator: Mrs Marion Christie 01580 892380

Please note that flower fees will be included in the final wedding fees invoice

WEDDING BELLS AT ALL SAINTS, STAPLEHURST

The ringing of bells at weddings is a long-standing tradition that can be traced back to Celtic times, where Church bells were believed to have the power to grant wishes. Because of that, Celtic newlyweds were blessed with the loud ringing of Church bells on their wedding day, announcing to everyone their newfound happiness.

All Saints Church, Staplehurst has for many centuries continued this time-honoured tradition to celebrate Weddings, Renewal of Vows and Marriage Blessings. The glorious sound of church bells is truly evocative. Why not let the sound of bells spread the news of your special day?

The Bell Ringers, if you choose to have bells, will contribute their time and expertise to help your day be exactly as you wish it to be. The current fees are shown in the above fee tables and are available from the Rector/Church Office for ringing as follows:

- To ring for 20 minutes prior to the service and until the bride arrives.
- After the service, ringing for approximately 20 minutes or up to one hour after the advertised start time of the wedding (whichever is the sooner).
- There will be no ringing during the service.

Please note that:-

- The ringing will not always be continuous and short breaks may occur.
- A minimum of 6 bells will be rung.
- If the Wedding service begins late and/or is longer than the usual 40 minutes, there may be little or no bell ringing after the service.
- If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the bells cannot be rung for your wedding, a full explanation and refund will be given as soon as possible.
- Bell ringers are not usually available to ring for weddings on Bank or Public Holidays or Church Festivals.

To make a booking for the usual ringing of bells for your celebration (as described above), please contact the Rector/Church Office who will advise the Bell Ringers.

If you wish to discuss any bespoke requirements (in addition to or instead of those described above) please liaise with the Tower Secretary who can be contacted through the Church Website at <http://allsaintsstaplehurst.co.uk/about-us/bell-ringing/>