Hymns for your wedding

Most couples choose two or three hymns to sing during their wedding service and many already have favourites from church, school or ones that are meaningful to their families.

Some suggestions are:

All things Bright and Beautiful
Amazing Grace
Jerusalem
Lord of all Hopefulness
Love Divine all Loves Excelling
Morning has Broken
Now thank we all our God
O Perfect Love
Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
Praise to the Holiest
Tell out my Soul
The Lord's my Shepherd

We hope that this guide is helpful. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of the clergy or choir if you need any further assistance. When you have decided, remember to confirm your choice of music with the church office at least a month before your wedding day. If you are having the choir, remember to print enough orders of service for them.

We look forward to seeing you on your special day!

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"If music be the food of love, play on..."

Music can be so important at a wedding. Who can hear Mendelssohn's Wedding March without imagining a happy bride and groom walking down the aisle, smiling at the assembled friends and family? We want to help you choose the music that will make your day special and memorable and meaningful for you.

We hope that this short guide will help you think about the possibilities for music and encourage you to consider all the options available to you at All Saints' Church.

You may decide on

> Recorded music only (CD, laptop, tablet or iPad)
> Organist only
> Organist and Choir
> A mixture of Organist, Choir and recorded music

Recorded music

Many people like to make use of our audio system to play the music of their choice, before, during or after the ceremony.

To avoid any embarrassment or disappointment on the day, please ensure that the recorded music either on a CD or via other device is tested on the system prior to the wedding day.

Organist

Most wedding ceremonies here are accompanied by the organ, which provides strong support to any hymns you may choose and provides music before, during and after the ceremony. Usually, the organist will play incidental music for 10 minutes before the ceremony begins and during the signing of the register. It may be possible to pay a particular piece of music that you would like. Of course, the organist can play during the entrance of the bride and the exit of the bridal couple for real impact!

Special requests will be subject to the availability of the sheet music and confirmation from the organists that they can play the piece.

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Choir

All Saints' Church Choir is made up of around 20 adults, who, at full strength sing in 4-part harmony. They sing a wide variety of music and provide support to hymn singing and a special atmosphere. They can also sing during the signing of the register and soloists can be provided.

Some suggestions that the choir can sing are:

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Ave Verum	*Mozart*
Panis Angelicus	*Franck*
The Lord Bless You	*Rutter*
Lead me Lord	*Wesley*
The Lord's my Shepherd	*Goodall (Vicar of Dibley theme)*
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring	*Bach*

If you would like to hear the choir, they sing at the 10.00am service each Sunday or choir practice at 7.00pm on Friday in church (not August)

The entrance of the bride and exit of the couple

Here are some suggestions for the entrance of the bride and the exit of the newly married couple:

Wedding March	*Mendelssohn*
Bridal Chorus	*Wagner*
Trumpet Tune	*Purcell*
Trumpet Voluntary	*Stanley*
Trumpet Voluntary	*Clarke*
Air for Water Music	*Handel*
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	*Handel*
Toccata (from 5th Organ Symphony)	*Widor*

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