

Booking Process

1. FINDING OUT IF YOU CAN BE MARRIED IN OUR CHURCH:

Do you live in our parish?

You can find out which church is your parish church by putting your postcode in to www.achurchnearyou.com

If not, do you have a qualifying connection?

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
- was baptised (christened) in the parish concerned
- is confirmed and your confirmation was entered in the register of confirmations for a church or chapel in the parish (this will usually be the case if you were prepared for confirmation in the parish)
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months
- one of your parents, at any time after you were born has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months
- one of your parents, at any time after you were born has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months
- one of your parents or grandparents was married in the parish

2. BOOKING A PROVISIONAL DATE AND TIME:

We usually have weddings on a Friday or a Saturday, between 10am and 4pm. If you have a date and time in mind, we can check if it's free, and provisionally book that for you on our calendar.

3. OTHER INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT YOUR WEDDING BOOKING:

Have you or your fiancé been married before?

Are you both British citizens or other nationality?

Are you related to each other in any way? (I know that's a strange one, we just have to check).

4. THE PAPERWORK:

- Application form
- Fees form
- Marriage After Divorce Statement

Emailed back to weddings@stmarysbletchley.org

INFORMATION TO SUPPORT FILLING IN THE FEES FORM

A basic wedding in 2022 costs £512. The only Additional Extra you will need to tick is the 1st one: Verger Support at £50, as this is essential. Your vergers will open up the church, get everything ready for you, operate the sound desk, and look after you and your guests on the day. If your wedding is between October and April, I would also recommend that you tick 'Extra Heating'.

The other Additional Extras are just that - you can add them on as you like. We can look for a keyboard player, or you can just provide your music on a CD or USB stick. We can also arrange bell

ringers. You will only need a Sound Technician and the 2nd Verger Support if you are intending to bring extra musicians/singers.

None of your choices are binding at this stage, we can chat through and change any choices nearer the time of your wedding.

5. YOUR ID:

- Your passports
- Proof that you both live at your current addresses: a driving licence, tenancy or mortgage agreement, council tax bill, recent bank statement
- *Your divorce decree (if applicable)*
- *Proof of your qualifying connection (if applicable)*
- *Your settled status code (if applicable)*

If you don't have a valid passport, please get back to me, as there are legal alternatives that we can ask for.

6. IF DIVORCED, ONE OF OUR MINISTERS WILL ARRANGE A CHAT WITH YOU, BEFORE THEY GIVE THEIR APPROVAL FOR MARRYING IN CHURCH

7. BANNES

Banns are an announcement in church of your intention to marry. We will arrange for your banns to be read at St. Mary's and all other legal documents that MK Registry Office need.

If one/both of you live outside our parish, you will also need to contact your local parish church(es) for your banns to be read there. You can find out which church is your parish church at: www.achurchnearyou.com

8. YOUR DEPOSIT:

£30 to secure your booking. And we're there!

There is lots of additional information about being married in a C of E church at:

www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding

We are delighted to be able to support you through this very happy time! If you have any more questions please just ask weddings@stmarysbletchley.org