

**DIARY DATES**

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**WEDDINGS AT ST NICOLAS'**



**2019**

You should first apply to Linda Barnes, the Parish Clerk via email (or phone call) to the parish office or Rector (see back page). She will then reply and take things further.

### **Banns**

Your banns need to be called on three consecutive Sundays sometime before the wedding. This will happen at the 10am Eucharist and you are invited to attend. Linda will give you the dates.

### **Fees**

Please pay these at the rehearsal

	£
Publication of banns	30:00
Marriage service	455:00
Marriage certificate	4:00
	<i>please pay by cheque to 'PCC of St Nicolas'</i>
	£
Organist *	130:00
Bells **	120:00
	or
	160:00
Choir	75:00
	<i>please pay by cash</i>

\* plus £50 if a professional recording is to be made, and providing the Director of Music has agreed to the professional recording of his performance pursuant to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1981 for non-commercial purposes.

\*\* £120 for 6 bells; £160 for 8 bells.

### **Flowers**

If you would like to have special flowers arranged for you we ask for these to be paid for in advance. Please talk to Mrs Barnes who will give you the name of the person responsible for flower arranging at St Nicolas'.

### **Music and Hymns**

Timothy Woodford, Director of Music, will be pleased to help you choose suitable music.

### **Copyright**

If you have a printed Order of Service you are responsible for dealing with issues of copyright.

### **Confetti**

Please use biodegradable confetti only and ask your guests not to throw confetti in the church or near the doors outside as far as possible.

### **Photographs**

Only the official photographer may take photographs during the wedding. The priest will need to check with the photographer before the wedding commences.

### **Videos**

These are not allowed during the actual wedding service except by special arrangement.

### **Legal matters**

- If you are under 18 years old you will need your parents' consent to marry and by law you cannot be married in the UK until you are 16.
- Although same-sex marriage legislation is now in force, at the moment it is not legally possible for same-sex couples to marry in the Church of England.
- It is possible to get married in a church away from where you live if you have a certain kind of connection with it. Check the Church of England website and explain to the Parish Clerk.
- The wedding must take place between 8am and 6pm on any day.
- There are special guidelines on marriage in the church if you are divorced. You will need to talk to the Rector about your situation to explore the possibilities for you.
- Most Church of England marriages will require banns to be published before the wedding can take place. You won't need to arrange banns until about four months before your wedding date.
- 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 who are foreign nationals, or if one or both of you does not live in England or Wales, it is recommended that the Licence procedure be used rather than banns.
- There are some circumstances in which you may need a Special Licence, Common Licence or a Superintendent Registrar's Certificate to marry in church.
- Documents you'll need:

\* All couples will need to show the Parish Clerk or Rector their passport as proof of nationality. If you don't have a passport we find out what the other documents are which would be acceptable.

\* If either or both of you are divorced, you will need to bring your decree absolute for the Rector to see.

\* You may also be asked to provide evidence of your connection to the church, such as utility bills which show you live or have lived in the parish, or your parents' marriage certificate if they were married here, for example.



<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/weddings>