

PAULTON BENEFICE

Getting married at

Holy Trinity Paulton

St John's Farrington Gurney

Holy Trinity High Littleton



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The Wedding Service

Banns

These are a public notice of your intention to marry which are read out in church over three Sundays in the month prior to your wedding. They are the usual legal preliminary to a marriage. For the legal aspect of your marriage to be properly conducted these must be read: -

- (a) in the church where you intend to marry;
- (b) in the church of the parish where you live, if either or both of you live outside one of our parishes.

In this case, please contact your vicar about three months before your wedding day. There is a fee for publishing banns in another church. Make sure you receive the Certificate of Banns from there and bring it to me before your wedding.

Order of Service

If you intend to have a printed order of service specially for the occasion, please ask me for some guidelines beforehand. It is also helpful if I see the printer's proof copy before the final production. This can save embarrassment later.

Flowers

If you wish to have anything special in addition to our usual Sunday flowers you should ask a friend or use the services of a local florist. We suggest you visit the church some weeks before your wedding, and share ideas with us about what you would like to do.

Ushers

It is best to appoint two ushers. They need to arrive at least half an hour early, and should direct people to their seats, with an Order of Service if there is one. After the service, please would they help us by tidying up books and papers, and taking any lost property on to the reception.

Bride's Arrival

Because of the photographs it usually takes at least 5 minutes from the moment the car arrives outside to being ready to walk up the aisle of the church. Please remember the nervous bridegroom in the church, and make allowances in your timing so we can start reasonably punctually.

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Photography

While we are delighted to have photographs of the bride as she enters, during the signing of the registers, and of the departure down the aisle afterwards, we do not allow close-up photography of the ceremony itself. Flash photos during the service can be a particular distraction.

The official photographer may take photos without the use of flash, from the back of the church.

Video Cameras

Please ask the operator to see me beforehand about the best position for the camera. He will have to try to make the best use of the available lighting and not use extra of his own.

Like other churches, we make a charge for the use of a video camera during a wedding.

Parking

At Farrington Gurney the church car park can only accommodate about 25-30 cars. Please contact Mr and Mrs Jeffery at Home Farm (452287) if you think you will have more than this number - in dry weather it may be alright to park in the field. In wet weather, this is definitely not advisable - use the car park opposite the School.

At Paulton, there is car parking in the village centre public car park (entrance by Golden Fields takeaway), Alternatively, it may be possible to park at the village hall. For the latter, please seek permission well in advance of your wedding date - we must maintain good relations with our neighbours.

Parking at High Littleton is very limited indeed. It may be possible on Saturdays to park a small number of cars in the school car park, - please seek permission in advance. Otherwise, plan to use on-street parking around the village, and allow time to walk to the church

Fees

Fees for a marriage banns and certificates are set centrally by the Church Commissioners. Fees set locally to cover organists, vergers, heating and some 'extras' (such as choirs and bell ringers), which are at your discretion. As fees change annually, the rates are published separately.

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Music

Choosing appropriate hymns and music can help to make a wedding really special. Please see the pages at the end of this booklet for suggestions about music. You should choose two or three hymns, music for the entrance of the bride, music for the signing of the register and music for exit of bride and groom.

Some Websites are also helpful as a source of ideas the website www.yourchurchwedding.org is a very helpful tool for planning all aspects of your service. For music you can also try www.weddingmusic.co.uk

If you wish to have something unusual this may be possible – please talk with me and the organist well before the wedding.

Planning your service

Please feel free to contact me with any queries as you plan your service. The details of your wedding should be in place, and agreed with me a month before the date. It is particularly important to let me know a month in advance if you wish to have bells and/or choir

Finally

I would encourage you to attend church on a regular basis in the months approaching your wedding. If you do this, it will help you to feel at home and relaxed in church on the day of your wedding. It will give you the opportunities to speak to the organist about your choice of music, and to me about any other concerns. Most importantly, it will help you with the spiritual aspect of your marriage – which you have chosen to celebrate in church.

Please be assured of the church's prayers for you as you prepare for your marriage. We look forward to seeing more of you in the months ahead.

With very best regards,

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Wedding Music

Hymns for the service

(Numbers refer to BBC Songs of Praise)

- 1 All things bright and beautiful (3)
- 2 Amazing Grace (282)
- 3 Be still for the presence of the Lord (207)
- 4 Be thou my vision (287)
- 5 Bind us together Lord (356)
- 6 Give me joy in my heart (223)
- 7 Give thanks with a grateful heart (224)
- 8 I danced in the morning (73)
- 9 Lead us, heavenly Father lead us (299)
- 10 Lord of all hopefulness (303)
- 11 Lord the light of your love is shining (304)
- 12 Love divine, all loves excelling (305)
- 13 Morning has broken (391)
- 14 O perfect love, all human thoughts transcending (365)
- 15 O Jesus I have promised (339)
- 16 One more step along the road (340)
- 17 Seek ye first the kingdom of God (314)
- 18 Praise my soul the king of heaven (20)
- 19 Praise to the Lord the Almighty (19)
- 20 The King of love my shepherd is (25)
- 21 The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want (27)
- 22 You shall go out with joy (264)

Wedding Music

Arrival of the Bride

1. Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" Wagner
2. Trumpet Tune and Air Purcell
3. Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke
4. Arrival of the Queen of Sheba Handel

During signing of the register

1. Panis Angelicus Cesar Franck
2. Water Music Handel
3. Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring Bach
4. Ave Maria Purcell
5. Canon in D Pachelbel
6. Sheep may safely graze Bach

Bride and Groom leave the church

1. Wedding March (Midsummer Nights' Dream) Mendelssohn
2. Crown Imperial Walton
3. Toccata Widor
4. Trumpet Tune and Air Purcell

Readings

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.

I Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Readings

Ephesians 3. 14 - end

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 5. 21 – end

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.

Readings

Philippians 4. 4 – 9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 5. 1 – 10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.' Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

Readings

Mark 10: 6 – 9, 13 - 16

Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation," God made them male and female.'" "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh." Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

John 2. 1 - 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 15. 9 – 17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'