



YOUR WEDDING



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Congratulations on your decision to celebrate your wedding at St Wilfrid's Church in Haywards Heath.

This brief guide is designed to help you to prepare for your wedding service at St Wilfrid's.

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy.

Marriage is intended to be a creative relationship, as God's blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

It is usually only those who live within the geographical area of a parish or those who regularly worship at a church who can be married in a parish church. So it is important that you book the date of your marriage service as early as you can so that you are certain that you meet the residency requirements of the Marriage Act.

You will be asked to visit your local parish priest to fill in the application form, and to set the date. Some months before the marriage you will be asked to meet your parish priest again to discuss the details of the service.

WEDDING MUSIC AT ST WILFRID'S

What music do you need to choose?

Basically, you need music for the bride to come into church, music for the bride and groom to leave the church and two or three hymns during the service. You can also request music for the organist to play *before* the service and music for the time during which the register will be signed. This can be organ music or, depending on whether you ask for the choir, something sung.

Your wedding will take place in the presence of God, and the hymns and music should reflect its church context.

When do you need to choose the music?

Obviously, the sooner the better as it means that you are more likely to be able to have exactly what you want. You need to allow for Orders of Service to be printed and so make an appointment to meet with the organist as early as you like!

1. You should discuss the music for your wedding as far in advance as possible. You can, of course, make changes up until a reasonable time in advance, but if you want something 'different' then it needs to be notified as soon as possible.
2. It is strongly recommended that you meet the organist well in advance; this gives you the opportunity to hear a number of options and is best arranged for after a Sunday morning service. Please make an appointment to do this.
3. If you choose something that is not included on this list it may be necessary for you to provide the organist with the music if we do not have it ourselves.
4. As volunteers the availability of the choir and the number of members of the choir available on the day cannot be guaranteed (especially during holiday times).
5. You can have your own organists to play but the fee is still payable to our organist.

6. If you are having a visiting soloist to sing or play music during the signing of the register then please remember the following:
 - a) the music to be played/sung must be appropriate for a church service.
 - b) if a soloist needs to be accompanied by our organist then you must give as much notice as possible, if necessary provide a copy of the music well in advance and remember that it will be necessary for there to be a run-through before the wedding.
7. If you are printing an Order of Service please ensure that the words and numbers of verses of the hymns are the same as in the hymn books we use. If in doubt please check with the organist.
8. Please note that photographers or videographers should not use the gallery throughout the service. You should make this clear to your photographer in advance.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of music that you can have at your wedding but a guide to the most popular items that are chosen.

Music for the entrance of the bride

- Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" – Wagner (*more commonly known as "Here comes the bride" and still the most frequently chosen*)
- Trumpet tune – Purcell*
- Trumpet Voluntary – Stanley*
- Trumpet Voluntary (The Prince of Denmark's March) – Clarke*
- The arrival of the Queen of Sheba – Handel
- Brideshead Revisited – G. Burgon
- Air from Water Music – Handel
- Hornpipe – Handel

*do make sure you pick the right one – the organist will play them over when you meet if you are unsure.

Music suitable for the signing of the register

Choir and organ (see note 4):

- Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring – J S Bach
- A hymn to love – Gerald E Brown
- Day by Day – Martin How
- Clare Benediction - John Rutter
- God be in my head – various

Organ only:

- As above except A hymn to love
- Air from Water Music - Handel
- Adagio for Strings – Barber
- Lascia ch'io Pianga – Handel
- Chanson du Matin – Elgar
- Ave Maria – Bach/Gounod

Music suitable for the exit of the bride and groom

- Wedding March from A Mid Summer Night's Dream – Mendelssohn (*still the most popular*)
- Toccata from 5th Symphony – Widor (*another favourite but depends on which organist will be playing*)
- Now thank we all our God – Karg-Elert
- Trumpet tune – Purcell*
- Trumpet Voluntary – Stanley*
- Trumpet Voluntary (The Prince of Denmark's March) – Clarke*
- Hornpipe – Handel
- Brandenburg Concerto No.3– Bach
- Prelude on Ode to Joy - Beethoven

Hymns

Numbers refer to Hymns Ancient and Modern or Hymns for Today. When you meet the organists it's advisable to agree which tune you want when there are alternatives available*

- Praise my Soul the King of Heaven *AMR 365*
- Love Divine all Loves Excelling *AMR 205*
- Lead us Heavenly Father Lead us *AMR 311*
- The King of Love my Shepherd is *AMR 197*
- Angel voices ever singing *AMR 246*
- All things bright and beautiful *AMR 442*
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind *AMR 184*
- Praise ye the Lord *AMR 376*
- O Jesus I have promised *AMR 331*
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation
AMR 382-++
- At the name of Jesus *AMR 225*
- Come down, O Love divine *AMR 235*
- May the grace of Christ our Saviour *AMR 636*
- Lord of all hopefulness *HFT61*
- All my hope on thee is founded *HFT 3*
- The Lord's my Shepherd *HFT 93*
- Be thou my vision *HFT 10*
- Give me joy in my heart *HFT 126*
- Tell out my soul *HFT 89*

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MARRIAGE FEES from 1st January 2019

STATUTORY MARRIAGE SERVICE FEES

Payment to Diocesan Stipend Fund	£207.00
Parochial Church council	£248.00
Certificate of Marriage x2	£ 8.00
Publication of Banns	£30.00
Verger	<u>£35.00</u>
TOTAL	£528.00

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL COSTS

Organist	£120.00
Choir	£110.00
Bells	<u>£20.00</u>
TOTAL	£250.00

BANNS OF MARRIAGE need to be read on three Sundays prior to the marriage both in St Wilfrid's Parish Church and in the parish where either bride or groom or both are resident. It is your responsibility to arrange this with the parish of your residence and to obtain the Banns certificate.

FLOWERS can be provided at variable costs (£75 guide price per stand) and details of flower types and colours can be discussed with Gloria Kendall on 483287. Flower costs may be shared on days when there are two or more marriages.

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