

Your Wedding

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Stone Hill
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The Parish of Kidderminster East

The Churches of St Cecilia's, St Chad's & St George's
St Cassian's Chaddesley Corbett & St Mary's Stone



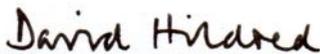
WHETHER YOU ARE

just starting to think about marriage or feel completely ready for married life, we are really pleased you are thinking about getting married at St Mary's.

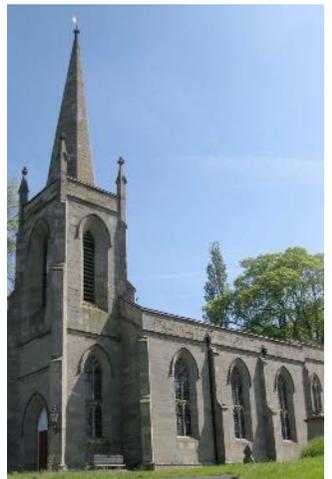
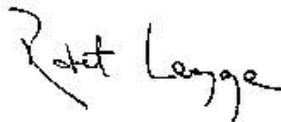
As well as organising the practical details of when, where, and how the wedding service will happen, we want to help you make sure that together you build a marriage that will last a lifetime.

From setting the date, through marriage preparation, the practice, the wedding day itself and still after you are married, we are here for you. Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any queries.

Revd.
David Hildred



Revd.
Robert Legge



WHO CAN GET MARRIED AT ST MARY'S?

Any adult can marry at St Mary's if they either

- Live within the parish boundaries of the church
- Have a legal connection with the Parish
- Or who have attended the church regularly at any time for at least six months



WHAT NEXT

Most couples are keen to set the date of the wedding. If you are looking to have your wedding on a specific date then do contact us as soon as possible. Please note that days get booked up years in advance! We will want to meet you for an informal chat (please telephone the Parish Office on 01562 822131).

If there are no problems we will offer you a date and time for your wedding service

which we will hold for **two weeks pending the deposit**. If we do not hear back from you the wedding date may be given to someone else. The wedding is booked once we have received the **£100 deposit**, we will send you a letter to confirm your booking and reminding you what you need to do next.

WHAT IF I HAVE BEEN MARRIED BEFORE?

Marriage is intended to be a life-long commitment. However, we realise that sometimes promises are broken, relationships fracture and come to an end. In certain cases we will consider re-marrying those who have already been married. We follow the Bishops' guidelines on re-marriage which we will look at with you.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of marriage have to be read at the parish church where you live. If either of you don't live in the Parish of Kidderminster East, it is vital that **you** contact the vicar of the parish church where either of you live a few months before your wedding. If you move, please check with us what you need to do. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE BANNS CERTIFICATE FROM THE VICAR (FOR WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY A FEE). OTHERWISE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SERVICE!**

PREPARING FOR MARRIED LIFE

Your next step is to book on to a Marriage Preparation Course which is essential for all couples who want to get married at St Mary's. The course is a chance amongst all the plans for your big day to prepare for married life! We ask for a contribution of £50 per couple towards the cost of running the course (payable at time of booking).

The aim of The Marriage Preparation Course is to help couples lay the foundations for a relationship that will last a lifetime

GETTING STARTED CHECK LIST

- Initial meeting with the Vicar
- Deposit (£100) paid
- Signed up for The Marriage Preparation Course
- Found out where my Banns need to be read

PLANNING THE WEDDING SERVICE

We will meet with you a couple of months before the wedding day to advise you what is possible and to ensure that all the parts of the service are in place. In the meantime feel free to look around for ideas of what you would like in the service.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

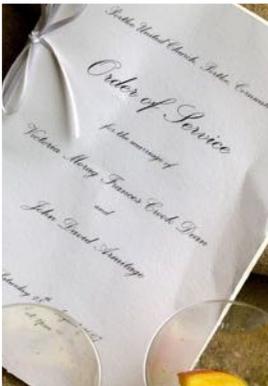
We will discuss what happens in each part of the service. Generally it follows the outline shown here.

There are some parts of the service that can be changed according to your taste and some parts that have to stay the same.

You can help to choose

- The music in the service
- The readings in the service
- Who will witness the signing of the registers

*Hymn,
Marriage
(optional hymn)
Reading (s)
Sermon
(optional hymn)
Prayers
Signing of the registers
(optional hymn)*



We are very happy to discuss ideas you have for the service and are keen where possible to make the service personal for you and your families.

ORDERS of SERVICE You may want to produce a printed order of service (we will need to check this before printing) or alternatively you can use the church hymn books .

MUSIC IN THE SERVICE

You will want to have music as the bride enters the church during the signing of the registers and at the end of the service as well as two or three hymns. For suggestions of hymns other than those shown here see rscm.com/wedding

Whether you want the Bridal March or other music during the service you will need to discuss this with the clergy



POPULAR HYMNS FOR WEDDINGS

All things bright and beautiful
 Jerusalem
 Be thou my vision
 Come down, O love divine
 Father, hear the prayer we offer
 For the beauty of the earth
 Give me oil in my lamp
 King of glory, King of peace
 Lead us heavenly father, lead us
 Lord of all hopefulness
 Love divine all loves excelling
 Make me a channel of your peace
 Morning has broken
 Now thank we all our God
 O Jesus I have promised
 Praise my soul, the King of heaven
 Praise to the Lord the Almighty
 The King of love my shepherd is
 The Lord's my shepherd

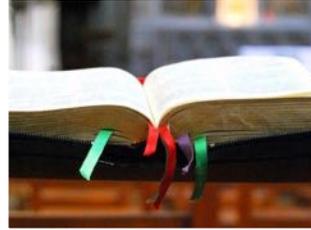
YOURCHURCHWEDDING.ORG is a fantastic website packed with tools and information for couples planning a church wedding. Please don't get too concerned about the over complicated instructions on producing an order of service though - the clergy will assist you!

READINGS FOR THE SERVICE

There will be a Bible reading in the service. You might also want to consider if you would like to choose a poem or other reading.

POPULAR BIBLE READINGS

Ephesians 3:14-20, Ephesians 5:21-33
1 Corinthians 13, 1 John 1:7-12,
John 2:1-11, John 15:9-12.



FLOWERS FOR THE SERVICE

Most weeks there are flowers arranged in church. You may want to supply your own flowers as well. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Mary Collings on Tel: 01562 740880. Please note only biodegradable confetti is allowed and this must be used away from the church entrance. Scattering petals in or outside church is not allowed.

BELL RINGING

If you would like the church bells to be rung for your wedding service then please contact John Lawley

Tel: 01562 748274

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Photography and video recording can be very distracting during a wedding service. If you are keen to have photographs taken or video recorded we are very happy to discuss how this may be possible.

Please note, providing bell ringers mid-week may not always be possible.

PLANNING THE SERVICE CHECK LIST

The hymns I would like in the service

The reading (s) I would like in the service

Other music I would like in the service

We have spoken to the organist

We have spoken to the flower secretary

We have met with the vicar

We have sent the draft order of service to the vicar

We have contacted the vicar of the church where we live (if you don't live in the Parish of Kidderminster East)

The fees I need to pay are

THE COST OF YOUR WEDDING

There are the same basic fees for every wedding. On top of these fees there are charges that depend on choices you make. For example you can choose whether you want an organist and bell ringing. Please note that parking can be difficult here - please consult with the clergy and aim to have a minimum of cars at the service.

The table below sets out the costs for weddings taking place in **2021**. We will confirm what the costs will be for your service.

Weddings taking place in **2022** and later will be subject to increases. We will inform you of these as soon as we are able.



HOW TO PAY

Cheques:

To Parish Office, payable to
PCC of Kidderminster East -
Fees account.

Internet Banking:

Contact Parish Office for
Account details.

We require **payment in full**
three months before the
wedding day.

Basic Fee £556

Including Publication of Banns,
Marriage Certificate, Verger

Bells £160

Organist £160

Marriage Preparation £25

Heating (Oct-Apr Incl.) £65

Use of CD player £20

PLEASE NOTE

fees may be subject to increase
on 1st of January each year.

FINAL CHECK LIST

I have paid the fees in full

My wedding rehearsal is on

I have confirmed the order of service with the vicar

I have shown the Banns certificate shown to the vicar

(if you don't live in the Parish of Kidderminster East)

I have confirmed the music with the organist

A FINAL NOTE ON TIMINGS

Weddings generally last around 45 minutes. We expect the bride to arrive on time, so that there are a few minutes for photographs on arrival. There may be other weddings or events taking place that day. Where the bride arrives late there may be no time to take photographs on arrival, and the service may need to be shortened, e.g. taking out a hymn, etc.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

If you change your postal address, e-mail address or phone number (or want to change anything to do with the wedding service) please let us know as soon as possible.

CONTACTING US

If you have a general enquiry about weddings then please contact the Parish office:

Telephone: 01562 822131

Email: weddings@kidderminstereast.org.uk

Our postal address is:

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YOUR NOTES

