

GETTING MARRIED



IN MIRFIELD TEAM PARISH

**God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.**

1 John 4.16

ST JOHN'S, UPPER HOPTON WF14 8EL

ST MARY'S, MIRFIELD WF14 9HX

ST PAUL'S, EASTTHORPE WF14 8DD

YOUR WEDDING DAY

This is one of the most important days of your life. We are pleased that you want to ask God's blessing on your marriage and that you look to him for strength over the years ahead of you.

Today more than a quarter of all marriages in England between a man and a woman take place in the traditional setting of a Church of England church. You're welcome to marry in church whatever your beliefs, whether or not you are baptised and whether or not you go to church.

The Church welcomes you and we will do all we can to make your wedding memorable; and we thank you for the privilege of being able to share in your special day.

The following information regarding weddings is only a general guide. If you have other questions or concerns the clergy will be more than happy to help if they can. Their details are on the checklists that accompany this booklet.

WHAT TO DO FIRST

By now you will probably have a date in mind, even if it is only provisional. Experience has shown that it is better to book the reception before you book the Church service. Most venues for receptions can cater for at most two weddings per day, whereas the Church can hold up to 4 weddings at each of our Churches. We rarely get fully booked up for any one day - reception venues regularly do!

Who can marry in Church?

Citizenship.

If you and your partner are both UK or EU citizens then citizenship is established and you will simply be asked to provide your passport as evidence. For marriages of those from outside the UK and EU then the matter has to be referred to our registrar Peter Foskett as there will be other things that you will have to do before any wedding can take place. This is not just Church policy, but the law of the land

Link to Church.

In order to be married at one of our churches one of you needs to live in the Parish or to establish a link with the Parish, this can be easily done so please ask. For further details please see our Website www.mirfieldteamparish.org.uk

To find out if you do live in the Parish then go to the church of England web site <https://www.churchofengland.org/> and put your post code in the “Church Near You” section on the home page

Unfortunately Parish boundaries can appear rather arbitrary, so it is important that this is checked at the earliest possible stage. .

Once a link to the Team Parish is established then you can be married at whichever one of our three Churches you choose:

St John’s is a mock mediaeval village church which seats up to 100 people, St Mary’s is an iconic church which will comfortably seat up to 300 people and St Paul’s has a large open space without pews which is more adaptable to weddings with a difference. You and your family are welcome to come to round all three churches or view images on the Team Parish web site:

www.mirfieldteamparish.org.uk

Even if you live outside the parish you can still be married in one of our churches if you are a regular worshipper.

If you are in either of the above categories the process is quite straightforward and you can be married “by banns”. However, if neither of you lives within the parish, or worship regularly in one of our Churches, there are still ways in which links can be made with the Parish to allow you to marry here. In this case you would need to fill out a Marriage Measure form which we will help you to do. It is usually possible to create a link in this way.

Can people who have been divorced marry in Church?

The rules regarding the re-marriage of divorcees in Church have changed making this possible under certain circumstances. However, before any arrangements can be made, each couple must discuss this with the Vicar and every case will be considered individually.

If you have access to the Internet more details can be found on the Church of England website at

www.yourchurchwedding.org

AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Book your wedding with the administrator at the Parish Office and complete all the requested details which now include showing your passports. The basic fee is £461 for 2016 and this is reviewed each January.

Other fees are Organist £82 Choir £70 and Bells (**available only at St Mary's**) £160

Please tell the person booking your wedding if you require the bells and they will contact the Bell Captain for you.

If you want the ceremony to be videoed there are extra fees for the organist and PCC.

A Marriage Certificate will be given to you on your wedding day but if you require extra copies this can also be arranged.

The administrator will then give you a confirmation of your booking and an estimated account.

THREE MONTHS BEFORE

There are other important elements that need to be organised

BANNS - VERY IMPORTANT

If you are getting married by banns (rather than by a licence), you need to go to the Team Parish Office to sign the Banns forms

Opening times:

Wednesday 4.30pm to 7.00pm, Thursday 9.30am to 12.00pm

admin@mirfieldteamparish.org.uk

01924 490167 (Secretary Denise Alderson)

The Banns will be read out on the following three Sundays at the main service in the Church where you are to be married and you and your family are invited to come along to hear them being read out.

NOTE: Banns can only be called within 3 months of the wedding.

If one of you lives outside the Parish you must also arrange for the banns to be published in that Parish Church too. Banns can *only* be called in Church of

England Churches regardless of any other Church affiliation you may have. A Banns Certificate verifying that this has happened **must** be obtained from that church before the wedding rehearsal. You cannot be married without this certificate!

When you come to “put your banns in” you will also be asked what music do you want?

When you arrange for your banns to be published you should ask which minister will be marrying you. You will then need to contact that person to arrange a rehearsal. The rehearsal usually happens in the week before the wedding.

THE REHEARSAL

This usually takes place during the week before the wedding. When you go to the office to have your Banns published ask which of the clergy will be doing your wedding. It is then your responsibility to contact them and arrange for a rehearsal.

At the rehearsal it is helpful if the following people are there,

- ♦ ***bride and groom;***
- ♦ ***the person “giving away” the bride;***
- ♦ ***best man and chief bridesmaid;***
- ♦ ***other bridesmaids and page boys;***
- ♦ ***video camera operator (if there is to be a video)***

You will also need to bring your Banns Certificate (if applicable).

MUSIC

Contact Scott Senogles, Director of Music (07900 996854)

It is a good idea to know what you would like as early as possible. You can borrow a wedding book or hymnbook if that will help. Please discuss your music requirements with the Director of Music or the minister. It is usual, though not necessary, to have two hymns at a wedding. The more popular choices are:

For the First Hymn...

Immortal, invisible
Praise my soul the King of heaven
Praise to the Lord the almighty
The Lord’s my shepherd

For the Second Hymn...

Love divine,
Lord of all hopefulness
Father, hear the prayer
O Jesus, I have promised

*Morning has broken
O praise ye the Lord
All things bright and beautiful
Be thou our guest Lord
(to tune of Morning has broken)*

*Now thank we all our God
Give me joy in my heart
Lead us heavenly Father
O perfect love*

You need to check whether the hymns you have chosen are in one of the Church hymnbooks. If not, it is YOUR responsibility to have the words of the hymns printed. The Vicar or the minister conducting your wedding can guide you on this.

Once you have decided these important points, the administrator will then confirm the cost of your wedding. This should be paid at the latest one month before the wedding and may be paid by BACs Cheque or cash.

Flowers

If you would like flowers in Church please contact the person concerned in the Church where you are getting married.

St Mary's - Ruth Edwards 492129

St John's - Linda Hutchinson 496588

St Paul's - Please ask at the Team Parish Office

Both ladies are experienced in decorating the church so that it looks at its best for your special day.

Service Sheets

We do provide a range of printed service sheets at a variety of reasonable prices ranging from £20 to £60 for 50 copies. We shall be happy to show you examples and discuss this with you. Please contact Janice Barker indigoldbhl@gmail.com

If you intend to produce your own order of service you *must* discuss it with the clergy *before* having it printed. They will tell you how it should be laid out and which prayers etc will need printing on it. Please let them see a draft copy before the final printing.

PLEASE NOTE:

Printers think they know the correct order of service but they often don't.

Growing Together

You will be invited to attend two Growing Together group sessions. These are held on a mid week evening or during the day on a Saturday or Sunday.

In addition to thinking about the great day itself we will also be helping you

look at your life long relationship and commitment to each other as you become husband and wife. Whether you are in a whirlwind romance or have been a couple for many years there is something here for you. We believe that this time will enrich your understanding of each other, allow you space to explore your hopes and dreams for the future, and give you some coping strategies to deal with difficult times.

The session is one which we hope you will find useful as you begin your married life. Most importantly the materials you will use and take away can provide a very helpful reference point in the future. Above all we hope you will find it enjoyable and benefit from sharing this happy time with others.

THE WEDDING DAY

Can the Ceremony be recorded on Video?

Yes, but there is a charge. The person doing the recording must stay in one position and no extra lighting is allowed.

Can Photographs be taken during the Service?

By the congregation, NO – but the official photographer may if s\he asks the minister beforehand. Guests may take pictures after the service.

Can we throw Confetti?

Yes, but please encourage your guests to use the bio-degradable confetti. We ask you not to throw confetti near the church building.

Parking

is difficult around all of our churches. Please encourage your guests to park with consideration and not to park opposite the drives of the local residents.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU
PREPARE FOR THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY**

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUERIES PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT

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TEAM PARISH OFFICE 01924 490167

admin@mirfieldteamparish.org.uk

The office at 38 Church Lane, Mirfield WF14 9HX is open
on Wednesdays 16.30-19.00 and Thursdays 09.30-12.00

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE HERE TO HELP!



OUR MAIN SUNDAY SERVICES

AT ST JOHN'S, UPPER HOPTON

11.15am Sung Eucharist

AT ST MARY'S, MIRFIELD

08.30 am Holy Communion (said)

09.45am Sung Eucharist

AT ST PAUL'S, EASTTHORPE

10.00am Said Communion

When there is a 5th Sunday of a month we join together for a service at 10.00am at one of the Churches.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME