

Weddings



Congratulations!

Congratulations on your engagement! If you are planning to get married, we would love you to celebrate your special day with us. Should you wish to be married in either of our churches, we can hold the wedding ceremony for you as well as the reception as we have two venues close by to one another.

We hope that this will give you all the information you need in planning your wedding service. The Church of England also has a website with lots of information about getting married in a church, so if you are after some more advice please visit yourchurchwedding.org

The Legal information

If you'd like to be married in Christ Church on Turnham Green or St Alban's Church on Acton Green Common, you must have a qualifying connection to our parish. This can be any of the following:

If you can show that one of you:

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or
- was baptised (christened) in the parish, or
- is confirmed and your confirmation was entered in the register of confirmations for a church or chapel in the parish (this will usually be the case if you were prepared for confirmation in the parish), or
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

or

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

To find out if we are your parish church, go to achurchnearyou.com

If you are not connected in any of these ways and still wish to be married in Christ Church or St Alban's, we'd love to welcome you to one of our services – you would need to attend a service at least once a month for six consecutive months. If you decide to do this, please remember to leave enough time after your attendance for the banns to be read before your wedding too – this normally takes about another two months. We will also invite you to a marriage preparation course to ensure you fully understand the vows you are making.

Banns of Marriage

Most couples who get married in the Church of England do so by having their 'Banns' read on three Sundays in their parish church. You can marry by banns if you both live in England or Wales **and** are both British citizens, a national of Switzerland or a member country of the European Economic Area (EEA).

Banns need to be published on three Sundays prior to your marriage in the parish where you will be getting married, and also in the parish(es) where you reside (if different to where you intend to marry). You can find which parish you live in and contact details for the relevant church(es) on www.achurchnearyou.com. There is a small charge to publish the Banns of Marriage and for a certificate of Banns issued at the time of publication.

What if one of us is divorced?

If one or both of you are divorced, it can still be possible to marry in church, but you will need to arrange a meeting with one of the Clergy to discuss this, submit your certificate of divorce/annulment, as well as complete the following form to help us understand your circumstances:

churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/MarriageAFTERdivorceFORM.pdf

Timings

Weddings normally take place on Saturdays but they can take place on other days of the week. Legally, marriages must be celebrated between 8am and 6pm.

Production

We usually have a member of our production team at your wedding to manage all technical elements. This will be charged in addition to the standard wedding fees. The fee will depend on your requirements, so please discuss your requirements as early as possible with the Ministry Operations Manager who will help organise this for you.

Music

We don't tend to organise musicians for weddings, however if you would like us to explore this then we can see if anyone is available and put you in touch with them directly. There will be an additional fee for this which will vary according to your requirements.

Wedding Venue Hire at St Alban's Church

If you just wish to hold your 'wedding reception' with us, then the legal criteria previously mentioned doesn't apply. Our Bookings Manager will be delighted to show you around our

venue and discuss your requirements with you. Please contact bookings@christchurchw4.com

Cost

The cost of holding a 'wedding ceremony' is currently £528, but there may also be the additional cost for heating & lighting, an organist, sound desk/live streaming operator and verges depending on your requirements.

If you wish to arrange for your wedding ceremony to take place at Christ Church W4 or for your Banns to be read, please contact office@christchurchw4.com and complete the application form below.