

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 £480, 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.

Banns of Marriage Application

PLEASE READ

This form may be completed by one of the partners on behalf of both.

Only the sections marked * need be completed if the marriage is to take place in another parish.

The notes overleaf are important and should be read before each section is completed.

2 *Full name (block capitals)	3 *Age at proposed date of wedding	4 *Condition e.g. single, widow, previous marriage dissolved, etc.	5 Rank, profession or occupation	6 *Place of residence	7 Father's full name (if deceased add deceased)
(Man)					
(Woman)					
8 Rank or profession of father	9 Nationality	10 *Date of birth	11 *Since when have you lived at the address in 6 above?	12 *In which ecclesiastical parish do you reside?	
(Man)					
(Woman)					
13 Are you related, or connected by marriage? If so, how?	14 *At what church do you wish to be married?	15 *On what date?	16 At what time?	*I hereby certify that to the best of my belief the answers to the above questions are correct. I agree that the information contained in this form may be used as described below.	
(Both)				Signature	
				Signature	
				Date	
For use by clergy				Future address	
				Dates for publication of banns	

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, the data controller is the minister of the parish, who will use the information on this form to ensure that the legal requirements relating to the marriage are complied with and to make arrangements for the wedding ceremony. The minister will only share the information with those who need to see it for those purposes.

NOTES

(Numbers refer to sections overleaf)

At least seven days' notice is required before the first reading of banns.

(3) If either of you will not be 18 by the proposed date of the wedding, the priest will need to know whether the consent of parents or guardians has been obtained.

(6) Make sure you include the name of the town, county, and postcode.

(12) This means the Church of England parish in which you *live*. If either of you lives in a different parish from that in which the marriage is to take place, you have to arrange for the banns to be read there too and obtain a banns certificate.

For further information on the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008 please consult the House of Bishops' guidance, which can found at www.cofe.anglican.org/marriagemasure.

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"Welcome and Congratulations"

For office use only: date, time and place of wedding

Please complete this welcome form with the couple when you meet and keep it for your records.

Parish Connection

Please indicate how this couple is connected with your parish church here

The couple may have several connections with your church, but only one is required. For more information, please visit www.churchsupporthub.org/marriage-measure

Groom's Details

Full Name

Current Address

Address Since

Phone

Email

Date of Birth

Occupation/
Profession

Have they been married before? Yes ☐ No ☐

Previous partner is still living ☐

Have they ever been in a civil partnership? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are they a foreign national? Yes ☐ No ☐

Parish Church
(for Banns)

Bride's Details

Full Name

Current Address

Address Since

Phone

Email

Date of Birth

Occupation/
Profession

Have they been married before? Yes ☐ No ☐

Previous partner is still living ☐

Have they ever been in a civil partnership? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are they a foreign national? Yes ☐ No ☐

Parish Church
(for Banns)

Are they related, or are they connected by marriage? If so how?

Keeping in touch: if address is due to change, note new address here.

Groom's Father

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Groom's Mother

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Groom's Parent

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Groom's Parent

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Bride's Father

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Bride's Mother

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Bride's Parent

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

Bride's Parent

Full Name

Occupation/
Profession

Deceased? Yes ☐ No ☐

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For office use only:

The couples key dates: You might like to enter the couple's details in the online Life Events Diary at www.lifeeventsdiary.org to receive "send a card" reminders.

First meeting

Prep event(s)

Wedding Choices:

Officiant

Entrance

Reading(s)

Useful contacts for this couple:

Photographer

Videographer

Flowers

Banns

First anniversary

Hymns

Recessional

Other

Bells

Choir