

The Parish of Peasedown St John

WEDDING INFORMATION – PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Please read the enclosed notes carefully and then complete and return the application form to: Church Benefice Office, 25 Russet Way, Peasedown St John, Bath, BA2 8SS.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to be married in Church, you must satisfy five legal requirements:-

- One of you at least must be resident in the parish of the church in which you wish to be married, or be on the electoral roll of the church (for which you must worship there regularly for at least 6 months).
- If one of you is living in a parish other than the one in which you wish to be married, you will need to arrange for banns to be read by the vicar of that parish, and obtain a banns certificate from him / her.
- If either of you will not be 18 by the proposed date of the wedding, we will need to know that the consent of parents or guardians has been obtained.
- You must not be related to each other.

In addition, we require you to undergo Marriage Preparation. Please note that our aim is

- not to judge your values or views, but to help you discuss them together.
- not to tell you how to have a happy marriage, but to offer tips which may help you to make your marriage as happy as it can be.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to get in contact with the Church Benefice Office: 25 Russet Way, Peasedown St John, Bath, BA2 8SS.

Tel: 01761 438808

Email: admin@ubpw.com

FEES

Please see separate sheet for the current fees, but do note that if your wedding is next year, then the fees will have increased slightly.

BANNS

Please remember, if either of you live outside of the parish you will need to get your banns of marriage read in your home parish church as well. Once the Banns have been read in your home parish church you will need to present a certificate to our Vicar, Revd Matthew Street.

ORDER OF SERVICE

A printed order of service, containing hymns and essential details is strongly recommended. Do remember that this is your day, and we will encourage you to make it as personal to you and your families as possible, within the legal requirements. For example, you may wish to invite a family member or friend to read a lesson, or to lead the prayers. You will wish to choose hymns, readings and perhaps prayers that have significance for you. Approximately two months before your service I will arrange to meet you to discuss the details of the service.

ORGANIST

David Cox (01761 411291) will normally be available to play for your wedding. Permission is required if you wish to have another organist, in which case the parish organist fee is still payable.

FLOWERS

You are more than welcome to display and decorate the Church with flowers. We do ask though that you clean up any mess created.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RECORDING

Discreet professional photography - although not flash - is permitted during the service if you so wish. Video recording is allowed, but an additional fee of £50 is charged reasons of music copyright (see fees insert).

WHAT'S NEXT?

Complete and return the Wedding Application, Banns Application, Marriage Preparation Day Application (and Electoral Roll Application if applicable) forms to:

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We will write to you as soon as we receive your application form to confirm the arrangements.

WEDDING INFORMATION - PART 2 MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We believe that marriage can and should be a wonderful adventure of love and joy, and we take our responsibilities to all our couples extremely seriously. For this reason, and because we know how deeply you want your marriage to have the best chance of lasting and growing in joy, we are committed to preparing you for your marriage as fully as we can.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY

We invite all couples getting married in any one year to a Marriage Preparation Day, in which we look at various areas of opportunity and challenge which all couples face, and learn together some of the skills that can turn challenge into opportunity.

During the day, you will have the chance to talk with David Cox our organist, and we also 'walk through' a wedding.

The Day costs £25 per couple, which includes a copy of one of the best selling and most comprehensive relationship guides on the market.

We even provide lunch.

One couple who came on the day in the past said,

*"We were somewhat suspicious when we first heard about the day,
wondering what lay behind the invitation.
But within the first few minutes we were put completely at ease,
and enjoyed getting to know the other couples.
The day was very relaxed, the material presented was relevant to our situation,
and we came away with some excellent tips
about making our relationship even better."*

Please note that it is a legal requirement to undertake some kind of marriage preparation in the Church of England. If you are unable to attend the Preparation Day set-up by St John's Church alternative arrangements will need to be made between yourselves and the Church Office.