

Marriage at St Mary's Thame



2018

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Dear

We're really pleased you're coming to St Mary's for your wedding on

Time _____

Which will be conducted by
This leaflet is designed to help you in your preparations and maybe answer some of your questions. If you have any queries you can also contact the parish office on 01844 213491, or the minister who is going to take your wedding (contact details are on the inside back page).

You might also like to visit the Church of England wedding website www.yourchurchwedding.org which has suggestions for hymns and readings.



Music at your marriage service

You will be given a list of suggested hymns at the wedding workshop on **Sunday 28 January 2018**. If we already know who your organist will be, it will be written below. If not, nearer the time you will be advised who your organist will be. Please contact your organist in good time before your wedding, to discuss your music.

The organist for your wedding will be

Tel _____

Email _____

Clergy

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**St Mary's Thame
Marriage Service 2018**



Name (man)

Address

Tel

Email

Name (woman)

Address

Tel

Email

Date & time of wedding

Please tick as appropriate:

• Marriage service

• Organ & organist*
or organ only*

• Bells*

*Optional

**Please notify us immediately of
any change in these details**



**Please return this form to the
Parish Office as soon as possible**

Timing

To ensure your service runs well and to help us as a church, please can you make every effort to be on time for your wedding. This is essential if there is another wedding following yours.

Confetti

Only **Biodegradable confetti** may be thrown in the churchyard. towards the main gate and not near or inside the porch.

The Reception

Ensure that your guests know how to get to the reception from the church! Give them a copy of a map, or a very detailed and accurate set of directions.

Finally...

Your wedding is an important moment in your life together. If there is anything we can help with to make it a special day for you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Services of blessing

At St Mary's we also offer services of blessing, for example for couples who have married abroad and want something at home which friends and family can be part of. We can also bless the marriages of those married in a Registry Office and who would like God to bless their new life together. People who have been married 20, 25, 30 or more years may also like to mark the event with a renewal of vows and have approached us to hold a special service in church.

Please contact the church office if you would like to discuss a service of blessing at St Mary's.

Banns

If one of you lives in a parish other than St Mary's Thame, you will need to contact your Parish Priest in good time to arrange for your Banns to be read in your parish church as well as in Thame; the fee is approx £41. You will then need a Certificate from that Parish to confirm that the Banns have been read. This is a legal requirement and without such a Certificate a marriage cannot proceed. Please deliver the certificate to the Parish Office at least two weeks before the Wedding.

Your Banns will be read in St Mary's on Sunday _____ and the two succeeding Sundays at the 10am service. You are very welcome to come and hear your banns being read.



Fees – The fees set out below are current for Weddings taking place in **2018**. *For weddings being planned for 2019 and beyond, please contact the church office (01844 213491) for further information.*

Marriage service, publication of banns, marriage certificate & administration for **2018** £474

Organ and organist* £ 100
or use of organ only* £ 15

Bells* £175

*Optional

If you have any other special requirements, please talk to us!

All fees must be paid at **least one calendar month** before your wedding. Please make cheques payable to St Mary's Thame PCC, or contact us on 01844 213491 for our account details if you'd like to pay electronically.

Order of Service

It is essential to have an order of service. If you choose to have your order of service printed, do make sure that it is exactly what you have ordered. Ask to see a draft and proof read carefully. You may print your own order of service if you have access to a printer. This is a very popular way of preparing very creative and original designs. Ensure there are ample copies for unexpected visitors and friends who will turn up for the service, and especially for late arrivals.

Flowers

At St Mary's we often have flowers in the church for our Sunday Services. Although we cannot offer to do special floral arrangements, buttonholes or brides bouquets. You could make a donation towards our church flowers and we can add your colours to them. Please contact our church flower secretary Eileen Bryant by email: embryant@hotmail.co.uk and she will be able to advise you. Some couples choose to have their own flowers & make arrangements with local florists.

Your wedding may not be the only one that day or weekend so we would appreciate you letting us know should you decided to bring in your own floral arrangements. Then hopefully we can work with you to help make everyone's day special.

Ushers

Make sure that there are plenty of ushers and tell them what is expected of them on the day. They should arrive in good time. Make sure they escort your guests, especially any elderly relatives, to the front of the church so that they will be able to see and hear and join in the service. Inform the ushers if there will be any guests in wheelchairs or with any disability, so that they are ready to take care of them.

Wedding Rehearsal

It is normal practice a day or two before the wedding to have a rehearsal in Church with the minister who is going to conduct the service. As well as yourselves, the person giving the Bride away, the Best Man and Bridesmaids should attend, and also those involved with official photography and video recording. To arrange the rehearsal date please contact the minister who will be conducting the service.



Parking

Please encourage your guests to park in Priestend, and to come up the steps and through the churchyard to the church. Those who are elderly or disabled can be delivered to the church gate in Church Road, and then the car parked in Priestend. The church gates need to be kept clear for the wedding cars.

Photography and Recording

If you wish your wedding to be recorded, we ask that the person responsible for the camera comes to the rehearsal so that we can agree the recording position. It is important that the camera is as unobtrusive as possible and that no additional lighting is used. It is also a good idea for your photographer to attend the rehearsal. Please ask your guests not to take photographs during the ceremony. There will be an opportunity for this at the end of the service.