

Arranging your Wedding

at

St Mary's Church, Stoke d'Abernon

A Guide for Wedding Couples



Your wedding has been arranged for:

Date	Time
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Your banns will be read on:

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## Introduction

We are delighted you have chosen to be married at the Parish Church of St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon. This booklet provides you with information you will need to help you prepare for your marriage. Please read it carefully and follow the advice given. If you need any further help or advice, or need to change any of the details you have given, please contact the priest conducting your marriage.

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. St John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana, and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On your wedding day, as bride and bridegroom, you will face each other, make your promises and receive God's blessing. Your family and friends are witnesses of the marriage, and express their support by their presence and their prayers. Their support does not end on your marriage day: you will value continued encouragement in the days and years ahead of them.

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.*

*1 Corinthians 13.4-7*

## **Check list**

You should be now have already been in contact with the Rector and had an initial meeting and set a date.

### *To be done once wedding booked*

- Arrange for banns to be read at home parish (if required)
- Chose readings and readers
- Decide on organ, bells, choral scholars, soloist and video and inform the Parish Administrator
- Inform Bunty Stannard about your flowers and return form
- Book in on Marriage Preparation day (you will receive details )
- You will be advised who will be your organist on the day.

### *To be done three months prior to wedding (if not already arranged)*

- Book date for wedding rehearsal with the priest
- Have draft order of service approved by the priest
- Send music form to the Director of Music.

### *To be done before banns can be read*

#### **Qualifying Connection (If required)**

*You may need to attend church regularly for 6 months before the date your banns are called to establish a qualifying connection. If so you must find this out at least 8 months before your wedding date to give yourselves time to attend.*

- Have returned completed qualifying connection form and sent it to the Administrator (if required)  
*This is required at the end of the calendar month two calendar months before the month of your wedding. For example if your wedding is the 17<sup>th</sup> August we need the form by 30<sup>th</sup> June.*

To be done at least two weeks before wedding

- Obtained banns certificate from home parish and sent to priest (if required)
- Paid wedding fees to priest or administrator (at rehearsal at the latest)

## Legal

If both parties live within the boundaries of this parish, we will read your banns here at the 10.00am service on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month preceding your wedding. You may wish to come and hear the banns, though you are not under any legal obligation to do so. **If one or both parties live in another parish you must contact that parish and arrange for your banns to be read there as well as at St Mary's.** This is most important. After the banns have been read, you will need to obtain a banns certificate from that parish. This certificate must be handed to the clergy of this parish before they can officiate at your wedding. This is your responsibility. If you do not live in the parish of Stoke D'Abernon you may be able to be married by virtue of a qualifying connection. More information can be found on the Diocese of Guildford website: <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/governance/diocesan-procedures-policies-and-regulations/public-worship/marriage/qualifying-connections>

An application form and explanatory leaflet is enclosed with this booklet. See below for a summary of qualifying connections. Further advice is available from the priest or the administrator.

## **Qualifying connection**

You can be married in a church other than your Parish Church or the church where you habitually worship if it has special significance for you through family or other special connections. If either of you can show just one of the following seven connections within the parish of St Mary's Stoke D'Abernon, you may marry at St Mary's.

### **That one of you:**

- was baptised in St Mary's
- was prepared for confirmation in St Mary's
- has at any time lived in the parish of St Mary's for a period of at least 6 months
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services at St Mary's 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 of St Mary's for a period of at least 6 months
- has regularly gone to normal church services at St Mary's for a period of at least 6 months **or**

### **That one of your parents or grandparents**

- was married in the parish

If you wish to marry by qualifying connection you need to fill in a form prior to your banns being called (see 'check list'). Forms are automatically sent out with this pack to those who require them but if for some reason you need a replacement, please contact the administrator.

## **The Service**

Our usual practice is to use the modern service from the Church of England service book, Common Worship.

## **Order of Service**

You will need to produce an order of service (this can be home made or professionally printed. The basic order of service to follow is set out at the back of this booklet (see page 18). You should prepare a draft order of service once you have chosen your music and readings. The draft must be approved by the priest conducting your wedding before it is printed.

## **Readings**

Each wedding service has a reading from the bible. You may want a member of your family or a friend to read, otherwise the clergy will read. If you would like to include a non-biblical reading then you may ask permission for this to be included. You must provide the clergy with a copy of any suggested readings well in advance of the service. We list below a selection of suitable biblical readings:

Genesis 1.26-28	Ephesians 5.21-end
Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7	Philippians 4.4-9
Jeremiah 31.31-34	Colossians 3.12-17
Tobit 8.4-8	1 John 3.18-end
Romans 7.1, 2, 9-18	1 John 4.7-12
Romans 8.31-35, 37-39	Matthew 5.1-10
Romans 12.1, 2, 9-13	Matthew 7.21, 24-end
Romans 15.1-3, 5-7, 13	Mark 10.6-9, 13-16
1 Corinthians 13	John 2.1-11
Ephesians 3.14-end	John 15.1-8
Ephesians 4.1-6	John 15.9-17

## **Wedding Music**

St Mary's Church is a formal, elegant building with a reputation for fine church music in traditional style accompanied by the organ. We can arrange an excellent choir consisting of four professional choral



scholars, and we find that many couples planning wedding services choose music sung by the choral scholars and played by the organist which reflects this tradition.

Our Director of Music will discuss suitable pieces and assist in any way he can to make the service memorable and satisfying for all. If there is a particular style of music or repertoire that appeals to you, then it helps to have prepared well in advance (eg Polyphony, Baroque, Classical period, Romantic, 20th Century etc. English, French, Italian, German composers etc.) Below you will find a list with hyperlinks to recordings to help you choose.

The organist will play before the service, for the bride to enter and the bride and groom to leave the church and will also play for the hymns. The choral scholars would lead the hymns and sing an anthem during the signing of the register should you choose to book them.

### **Music Notes:**

1. Please email the wedding music form to [admin@stmarystokedabernon.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarystokedabernon.org.uk) at least three months before your wedding so the music can be approved and confirmed.

2. Please also send your draft Order of Service booklet to the Parish Administrator at least one month before the service so the music titles can be checked.

3. You will need to select:

- a) Music for the entrance of the bride
- b) Two hymns (sung by all)
- c) Anthem to be sung by the choral scholars during the signing of the register (if booked)
- d) Music for the bride and groom to recess

3. We have included a list of organ music for the entry and exit, hymns and an anthem sung by the choral scholars during the signing

of the register (if required), at the end of this guide. The list includes hyperlinks to youtube videos or spotify recordings to help you choose.

The music in this list is suggested for the parts of the service indicated, and includes some traditional favourites. If you need help narrowing it down, please ask the Director of Music, who will be delighted to advise.

4. All the music is at the discretion of the Director of Music, and needs to be discussed before you submit your music form.

5. Should you choose to have the choral scholars, their full fees will still be payable if they are then cancelled less than six weeks before your wedding, as they will have reserved that time to sing at your service.

6. The priest, singers, organist and bellringers usually have other commitments later that day. They expect to be available only for up to an hour. After that they have every right to go, or start another wedding. Their full fees will still be retained under these circumstances.

7. Please provide ten copies of the order of service for the choir (if requested) and organist to use (photocopies are fine if you are short of printed ones).

## Wedding music

### **+Organ music for the entrance of the Bride:**

[Bridal March from 'Lohengrin'](#) – Wagner

(this is the traditional wedding march)

[Choral song](#) - Wesley:

[Grand March from Aida](#) – Verdi

[Hornpipe from the Water Music](#) - Handel

[March](#) from *Scipio* – Handel

[March](#) from the Marriage of Figaro - Mozart

[Overture from the Occasional Oratorio](#) – Handel

[Overture from the Royal Fireworks Music](#) – Handel

[Prince of Denmark's March](#) ('Trumpet Voluntary') – Clarke

[Prélude from the Te Deum](#) – Charpentier

('Trumpet voluntary') – Clarke

[Rondeau from Abdelazer](#) - Purcell

[Trumpet tune](#) - Purcell

[St Anthony Chorale](#) – attributed to Josef Haydn

[Prelude in Eb 'St Anne'](#) (opening section only) BWV 552 – JS Bach

### **Anthems that could be sung by the choral scholars during the signing of the register should you require)**

\* [Gaelic Blessing](#) – Rutter [NB requires five singers]

[Ave verum corpus](#)– Mozart

[Come down, O love divine](#)- Harris

[Exultate justi](#) - Viadana

[For the beauty of the earth](#) – Walford Davies

[God be in my head](#) - Rutter

[God be in my head - Walford Davies](#)

[Hallelujah chorus](#) - Handel

[I sat down under his shadow](#) - Bairstow

[I was glad](#) Purcell (Composed for the coronation of King James II)

[If ye love me](#)– Tallis

[Irish blessing](#) Bob Chilcott

[Jesu, joy of man's desiring](#) – JS Bach

[Jubilate Deo](#) - Lassus

[Lead me Lord](#) – Wesley

[locus iste](#) - Bruckner

\*[Laudate Dominum](#) – Mozart [NB: requires 5 singers]  
[Lead me, Lord](#) – Wesley (10 mins into recording)  
[O thou, the central orb](#) - Wood  
[Panis Angelicus](#)– Franck  
[Rejoice in the Lord always](#) – Purcell ([We sing a slightly shortened version lasting about 4 minutes])  
[Rejoice in the Lord always](#) – attrib.Redford  
[The Lord bless you and keep you](#) – Rutter  
[The Lord is my shepherd](#) – Psalm 23 (Theme from Vicar of Dibley) – Goodall  
[The Lord's my shepherd](#) (with descant) – Crimond  
[Ubi Caritas](#) – Durufle

If there is no choir, the organist will usually play music of their own choice during the signing of the register – below are some suggestions:

[Air \(from Suite No 3\)](#) - Bach  
[Sinfonia from Cantata 156](#) - Bach  
(This melody is also the Largo from Concerto in F minor BWV 1056)  
[Jesu, joy of man's desiring](#) (from Cantata 147) - Bach  
[Chorale prelude on 'Liebster Jesu'](#) – Bach  
[Cloister Garth](#) - Brewer  
[Chanson du Matin](#)- Elgar  
[Air](#) from the Water Music - Handel  
[Aria](#) from Concerto Grosso No.12 - Handel  
[Where'er you walk](#) – Handel  
[St Anthony Chorale](#) – attributed to Josef Haydn  
[Chant de Mai](#) – Jongen  
[Piece from the Little Organ Book](#) - Parry  
[Gymnopedie No 1](#) - Satie  
[Rhosymedre](#) = lovely - Vaughan Williams  
[Lied](#) - Vierne  
[Berceuse](#) - Vierne  
[Concerto in A minor \(second movement\)](#) - Vivaldi  
[Air and Gavotte](#) - Wesley

[Greensleeves](#) arr. Vaughan Williams

[Folk tune](#) – Whitlock

***Suitable music for the exit of the Bride and Groom (procession)***

[Alla Marcia](#) - Ireland

[Fantasia in G BWV 572](#) – Bach

(Played during the processional after the Christening service of Prince George)

Entr'acte preceding the [Arrival of the Queen of Sheba](#) – Handel

(Sinfonia from *Solomon*)

[Hallelujah chorus](#) – Handel

[Hornpipe from the Water Music](#) - Handel

[March](#) from the Occasional Oratorio – Handel

[Nun danket alle gott](#) (March Triomphale) - Karg Elert

[Prelude in C BWV 547](#) – Bach

[Processional](#) - Mathias

[Tocatta in G](#) – Dubois

[Tocatta in B minor](#) – Gigout

[Tocatta](#) - Gyorgy Mushel

[Wedding march](#) from A Midsummer Night's Dream (this is the traditional wedding march) - Mendelssohn

[Tocatta](#) – Widor

**Wedding hymns**

All creatures of our God and King

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CTcICIS\\_XQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CTcICIS_XQ)

Alleluyia sing to Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bkt-qoeACJM>

Be thou my vision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyFu0rl58qQ>

*Come down O love divine (Down Ampney)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFoactKMJHQ>

Fill thou my life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mpY0NahNQ>

Glorious things of thee are spoken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSHG-qtbtK>

or alternative tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSHG-qtbtK>

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkVT8O5E1rM>

How shall I sing that majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOl-YWWpEXk>

Immortal, invisible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfu1dqKCGd8>

King of glory, king of peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKVXTMEXbaw>

Lead us, heavenly Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGsvbqErM2A>

Let all the world in every corner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XBJYphWv4g><https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfXldoDnvq4>

Lord for the years

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNCuPjAZHZM>

Lord of all hopefulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCBjxVP6GWE>

Love divine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CNfpUrKzpM>

Now thank we all our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ItfKjxkXhMk>

O Jesus, I have promised

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU\\_cev2ri90](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU_cev2ri90)

*O perfect love, all human thought transcending*

<https://open.spotify.com/track/10SbmrOCCN9x74jhvzqAfn>

O praise ye the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFAqM7txORc>

O worship the King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOnOAxIhGeU>

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx1eMwIDFb8>

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhQi4yWTUBY>

Rejoice the Lord is King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDFAv0eh-s8>

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3E7QWLyDWe8>

*The King of love* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsULX5J3xFA>

The Lord's my shepherd (Crimond)

<https://open.spotify.com/track/0VAIsVbUIWgz7j52egqIBU>

Thine be the glory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXzmjNE-yLA>

Thy hand O God has guided

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ial3cRtXqRw>

There's a wideness to God's mercy

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJwft3SY\\_PU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJwft3SY_PU)

+Music will be cut to last an appropriate length for the entrance of the bride

*Hymns in italics have words that are especially appropriate for the wedding service.*

## **Flowers**

You will probably want flowers in the church for your wedding. St Mary's Church flower arrangers are able to provide a full floral service for your wedding, and for your reception if you wish. We do allow the use of outside florists with permission. We ask that the pedestal of flowers by the altar is left in the Church for the following Sunday's services. The remaining flowers should be removed after your wedding unless we agree with you that they can be left.

Other weddings may coincide with your day, in which case you will be given details of the other brides' names and phone numbers for you to agree over sharing of flowers.

It is important that we know what you are proposing with regard to flowers. If you are not having flowers our flower arrangers will want to arrange flowers for the Sunday service. Please contact our Flowers Co-ordinator, Buntly Stannard (01932 867759) well in advance and confirm your plans with her.

## **Photographs and Video**

You may wish to have an official photographer take pictures of your wedding. The priest conducting the wedding will advise the photographer when photographs may be taken during the service. Only an official video recording may be made of the service; family members and friends may not video in the church though they can record your exit. An extra copyright fee is payable to the musicians (organist *and* singers) if you wish to record their music on audio or video. **The church is small and we only allow restricted movement for photographers during the service so one photographer is adequate.**

## **Confetti**

Confetti should not be thrown within the church or churchyard.

## **Bells**

You may have the bells rung after your wedding service. The clergy will discuss this with you.

## **Fees**

A table of fees for the current year is set out below. The priest conducting your wedding will advise you on the cost once your choices are confirmed. This money is paid partly by bank transfer to PCC of St Mary's and partly by cash. You will be sent an invoice and payment must be made before your wedding rehearsal and the appropriate cash envelopes available.



## Wedding fees – 2023

<b>Banns Publication</b>	<b>£34</b>	Single cheque for £699 **(including organist's fee. £759 if audio or video recorded) payable to <b>St Mary's PCC</b> <i>Envelope 1</i>
<b>Marriage Service</b>	<b>£505</b>	
<b>Organist</b>	<b>£160.00</b> (£220 if audio or video recorded)	
<b>Bells</b>	<b>£180</b>	<i>Cash envelope 2</i>
<b>CCLI Licence fee for use of recorded music</b>	<b>£10</b>	
<b>Verger</b>	<b>£50</b>	<i>Cash envelope 3</i>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Payment separately to Flowers Co-ordinator</b>	

NB

If the service is live-streamed, audio or video recorded, the organist's and choir member's fees are increased proportionally in accordance with professional association guidelines. This extends to the taking of amateur or informal audio or video recordings on mobile phones or other devices during wedding services – it is your responsibility to ensure that your guests understand in any information you send out in advance of the day.

\*\*Please make cheque payable to Parochial Church Council of Stoke D'Abernon or make bank transfer as follows.

Bank : NatWest

Account : 34311211

Sort Code : 60 06 03

## Order of Service

*Sample text for your Order of Service – you will need to fill in all the sections indicated in square brackets – the layout and appearance is entirely your choice. There are two basic ways to structure the service – both are shown below but only one is set out as a service booklet. Talk to the priest taking your service about which order to choose.*

St Mary's Church  
Stoke D'Abernon

The Marriage of  
[Man's name]  
and  
[Woman's name]

Date  
Time

**Organ music for the entrance of the bride**  
[Title and composer of music to be played]

### **THE WELCOME and opening prayers**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

**And also with you.**

### **HYMN**

[printed in full - no need to put the number of the hymn]

### **THE DECLARATIONS**

Will you, the families and friends of *N* and *N*,  
support and uphold them in their marriage  
now and in the years to come?

*All We will.*

### **READING(S)**

[print bible reference and name of person reading]

### **[ADDRESS]**

[include if the priest is to give an address and give name of priest]

## **THE MARRIAGE**

### **THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE**

[If the choral scholars / choristers are singing an anthem]:

During the signing of the register:

[title and composer of anthem]

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **HYMN**

[printed in full no need to put the number of the hymn]

## **THE BLESSING**

### **Organ music for the exit of the Bride and Groom**

[Title and composer]

You might prefer this order for the service. The advantage of this order is that the marriage comes first so you can then relax and enjoy the rest of the service.

**The Welcome**

**Preface**

**(hymn)**

**The Declarations**

**THE MARRIAGE**

**Readings**

**Homily**

**Prayers**

**(hymn)**

**Registration of the Marriage**

**The Dismissal**

**Wedding music form**

*Please email this form to the Parish Administrator at least 3 months before your wedding.*

Name of couple.....

Landline number.....mobile.....

Email address .....

\*Date and time of wedding.....

Choral scholars Yes/No

Organ music for the Entrance of the Bride:

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Hymns

1).....

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2).....

Anthem sung by the choral scholars.....

Recessional organ music: .....

Any other information: .....

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Signed.....Date.....

### Wedding form Notes:

1. This form must include all the music at your service, and must be sent to the Parish Administrator three months before the date of your wedding.
2. Please consult the Parish Office before submitting your form if you would like further guidance and advice.
3. If you wish to make any changes or additions after you have submitted your music form, these must first be agreed by the Parish Administrator , after that a new form, including all the music, with the agreed changes and/or additions, must be sent to him.

*\* If you wish to alter the starting time of your wedding from the time you initially booked with the Parish Administrator, please first ask her if the new time will be possible before submitting this form with the new time.*