



# St. Mary's Church

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### Getting married at St Mary's

Many people choose to have a traditional Church wedding here at St. Mary's. Marriage is an important decision in people's lives and by getting married at St Mary's, you are not only declaring your love for each other in public, you are also declaring your love for each other before Almighty God. Getting married in church adds an extra dimension to the vows made in the marriage service.

We support couples in the planning of the wedding service and spend time discussing the shape of the service itself and what the promises made mean for their future life together.

#### Useful points of contact for your wedding

##### Clergy

Rev Rachel Greene

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##### Wedding Clerk

Beverley Giles

Email: [stmaryschidd@btinternet.com](mailto:stmaryschidd@btinternet.com)

##### Flowers

Mary Doig

Email: [marydoig69@gmail.com](mailto:marydoig69@gmail.com)

Tel: 01483 200798

##### Musicians

Roger Crocker – Director of Music

Email: [stmarysdirectorofmusic@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysdirectorofmusic@outlook.com)

Tel: 07852 863265

Helen Bendall - Organist

Email: [stmarysorganist@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysorganist@outlook.com)

**Parish Website** [www.stmaryschurchchidd.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurchchidd.org.uk)

##### Sunday Services

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Choral Evensong (first Sunday of the month)

##### Other information you might find useful:

Frequently asked questions about weddings in church and resources for the service:  
[www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

## **We recommend**

### **Growing together** by Andrew Body

A practical guide published by the Church of England that will help you to develop a shared understanding of your future together through exploring your dreams and expectations of married life and by highlighting some of the key issues that being married can raise: children, communication, conflict, faith, money, roles, sex, starting again. How do you define a 'domestic chore'? Do you believe in God? What inscription would you like on your gravestone? You'll be surprised how much more there is to learn about the person you want to spend the rest of your life with! (ISBN No: 9780715141441)



## **The Wedding Process at St. Mary's**

### **Step 1: Booking the Wedding**

If you fulfil the necessary legal requirements, we will be able to provisionally book your wedding. The Wedding Clerk will then arrange to meet with you to complete the paperwork and finalise your booking. Please note the time of your wedding cannot change within 3 months of the date agreed.

### **Step 2: More Information** *(9-12 months before the big day!)*

We will get in touch and invite you to a wedding preparation session to give your more information which you can take away to think about.

### **Step 3: Planning the Ceremony** *(3-6 months before the big day!)*

As your wedding gets nearer, we will be in touch to help plan the ceremony itself. You will need to decide on hymns, music and readings. We will talk through the wedding service together, exploring what the vows and promises mean and why they are so important.

Following this meeting the invoice will be prepared. Payment is due 6 weeks before the wedding.

### **Step 4: The Rehearsal** *(The day before the wedding)*

This happens at noon on the day before the ceremony. We walk and talk through the whole service.

### **Step 5: The big day has arrived!**

There is nothing more to worry about, just enjoy it!

### **A prayer for the gift of love**

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You can contact us for advice, support or further information at any point in the Wedding process and we will be happy to help.

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Some couples like to visit St. Mary's for worship in the months leading up to their wedding *(or may have to attend in order to fulfil the legal requirements of a qualifying connection)*.

We will be delighted to see you at any of our services!