



Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes
St. Sampson's, Cricklade
St. John's, Latton
All Saints', Leigh

Marriage Preparation course

It is really important to us that you have the best possible start in your married life together. As well as your meeting with the vicar, when you will plan your wedding service and talk through the vows, we also run a marriage preparation course for all couples getting married at St Sampson's, Holy Cross, St John's and All Saints.

Like many other couples, you may feel apprehensive about coming to such a course, but in the words of previous couples who attended, it has been described as "interesting", "helpful", "enjoyable" and even "fun"!

"We were very unsure about what to expect and were even a bit apprehensive about coming along. But, it's really enjoyable and not what you'd imagine. It's more about your relationship than God." Vicki and Andy

Run by a team of trained leaders, these informal meetings explore all aspects of marriage, including:

- Why get married now?
- Why in Church?
- What do you value in your relationship?
- What about children?

Whatever your situation, it will be relevant – previous couples have been young and old, some were already parents, and some were even grandparents!

The course consists of two sessions on Friday evenings or one Saturday 10am-2.30pm. The number of couples attending varies, but there are usually at least four couples and up to eight. There are opportunities for reflection, discussion with your partner and if you want to, sharing with others.

Here's some more feedback from other couples to give you more of a flavour...

"It is very useful even if you feel very contented and happy. Some interesting points came up. It was good to take time out to think about some of the issues."

"Come with an open mind and the more honest you are with yourself and each other the more useful it will be."

"It's not as scary as you think! Everyone's friendly and you get practical insights."

"There are good topics for discussion in a relaxed environment."

The Marriage Prep team looks forward to seeing you there! You'll receive further information and specific dates closer to the time.