

## Fees for 2019

<i>Basic Fees</i>	Marriage Service	£455.00
	Reading of Banns	£30.00
	Marriage Certificate	£11.00
	Verger	£25.00
<i>Extras</i>	Organist	£85.00
	Flowers (see above) By arrangement (see above)	

If you need to have banns published elsewhere, they will charge the current fee, which is £30.00, plus £14.00 for the banns certificate.

All fees should be paid in advance, often at the rehearsal, which usually takes place in the week preceding the wedding. It is helpful to have the fees for the organist and verger in cash. The balance can be in the form of a cheque, payable to St Sebastian's Church, or by bank transfer.

## Any Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that you have about your wedding. The Parish Centre is open on weekdays from 9.00am - 3.00pm and the vicar can be contacted at other times on the same telephone number - 01344 761050.

Please be assured of our prayers as you approach your wedding day.

# *St Sebastian's Church* **Weddings 2019**



**Parish of St. Sebastian,  
Wokingham Without**

***'Not without Jesus'***

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## Introduction

Your wedding is a very important, once-in-a-lifetime, event. We hope that it will be a very special time for you. This leaflet should tell you most of the things that you need to know about getting married at St Sebastian's Church, but please do not hesitate to ring us if you have any other questions.

## Legal Preliminaries to Marriage

There are several ways of fulfilling the law's requirements before a marriage in church. By far the most common of these is the reading of banns. If we have not discussed another method (e.g. Common Licence, Archbishop's Special Licence) with you, then you can assume that you are to be married by banns.

Banns are an announcement of your intention to marry, and they have to be read out in church on three Sundays prior to the wedding. At St Sebastian's we usually read banns at our 9:30am service on the first three Sundays of the month *before* the month in which you are to be married. We would be delighted if you are able to come to those services to hear the banns read, though this is not necessary. *For more information about whether you qualify to be married at St. Sebastian's after the reading of banns please visit our website <http://www.stsebschurch.org.uk/> and click on the 'What's On' tab.*

If one of you lives in another parish, the banns also need to be read in that parish church, and it is **your** responsibility to arrange this. A certificate will be issued by the church concerned, which you must give to us before you can be married here.

## Marriage Preparation

We ask all couples who are being married at St Sebastian's during the year to attend a Saturday marriage preparation session at the Parish Centre. The day normally lasts from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and lunch is provided.

## Arranging the Service

Your wedding will normally be taken by the vicar, Rev Canon Andrew Marsden, or by one of the other clergy on our staff team. **Please ring us about three months before your wedding** in order to make an initial appointment to see the vicar. On that occasion you will be able to discuss all the details of the service, but in the meantime the following thoughts may be helpful:

## Music

Most couples choose two or three hymns, as well as organ music, to be played as the bride enters and as the couple leave the church. You may also want to choose music to be played whilst you sign the register. Please discuss music with the vicar when you see him. The organist is normally very happy to discuss music with wedding couples. We cannot provide a choir but can give you details of alternatives. Please contact the Parish Office (Tel: 01344 761050) for further information.

## Flowers

Please contact Mrs Catherine Barber (Tel: 01344 780131) if you would like us to organise the flowers for your wedding. Cost will depend on your requirements and on the time of year. We are quite happy for you to arrange flowers independently, but it would still be helpful if you could keep Mrs Barber informed of your plans.

## Photographs and Videos

We only allow photography in church at the signing of the registers at the end of the service. If you are planning to have a video of the service, please tell the vicar. You will need to arrange your own copyright licence but we can advise you about this. It is helpful if you ask both your photographer, and whoever is doing the video, to come to the service early to talk to the vicar.

## Service sheets

If you plan to have printed service sheets, please check with the vicar first to make sure the order is correct

## Confetti

Confetti is not banned, but we ask you to be considerate in its use and not to scatter it if possible on the Church path. The bio-degradable variety is preferable!

## Bells

We have *one* only. Sometimes couples like to have it rung as they leave the church. Please ask the vicar.