

# Daventry Team Ministry

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## Your Wedding in Church



As you plan your wedding day, you will want to make certain that everything is thought out, so that the day goes as well as possible. The Daventry Team holds Marriage Preparation Evenings, to which you will be invited, at which time details will be explained further. In the meantime, the following is designed to help you with some of the items of the most important part of the day, the Service.

### ***Banns***

Before a minister can officiate at a wedding he or she has to make sure that there is no legal obstacle. This is usually done by using the ancient system of publishing banns. Banns have to be called at the main service in church on three Sundays during a period not exceeding three months prior to the date of the wedding. They have to be called in the parish or parishes from which the man and the woman are being married. The person from the other parish will have to contact his or her parish priest to arrange this.

If one of the parties is a foreign national, it may be necessary to be married by common licence. Please let us know as soon as possible if this may apply to one of you.

### ***Hymns and Music***

When choosing hymns you will want to ensure that (a) you like them! (b) they are suitable for the occasion, and (c) the wedding guests will be likely to know them.

The officiating minister can advise you on your choice if you require. Appropriate hymns include the following:

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven  
Father, hear the prayer we offer  
All my hope on God is founded  
Now thank we all our God  
Let all the world in every corner sing  
For the beauty of the earth

Come down, O Love divine  
Lord of all hopefulness  
The King of Love  
O perfect love  
Love divine  
Tell out my soul  
At the name of Jesus  
Morning has broken  
O Jesus I have promised  
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
All things bright and beautiful  
Give me joy in my heart

A wide choice is available for the music played while entering and leaving the church in procession, though if your selection includes anything outside the normal repertoire you must ensure that the organist agrees to play it, and that you can provide us with a copy of the sheet music if necessary.

Suggestions for entrance and recessional music include:

#### Bridal Entry

Bridal March from Lohengrin - Wagner  
Trumpet Voluntary - Clarke  
Trumpet Tune - Purcell  
Hornpipe from Water Music - Handel  
Grand March from Aida - Verdi

#### Wedding March

Wedding March - Mendelssohn  
Toccata (from Symphony No 5) - Widor  
Pomp and Circumstance No 4 - Elgar  
Crown Imperial - Walton  
Toccata – Dubois

Sometimes people ask for additional musical items, during the signing of the registers, for example. This can be possible upon the fulfilment of certain conditions; the officiating minister will be pleased to discuss your requirements with you.

Please note that all music must be 'live' e.g. not on CD.

### ***Orders of Service***

Many couples like to have the hymns printed on an Order of Service for their weddings, but these should not be ordered until you have discussed them with the minister. We reserve the right not to use your Orders if we have not approved a draft copy prior to the wedding day. Be aware also that such orders of service may be an unnecessary expense, as there are hymn books available for use in church free of charge.

### ***Organist and Bells***

Apart from the use of the church and the presence of the minister and vergers, there are 'optional extras' at a wedding. These are the use of the organ, an organist, and the bellringers.

An organist is essential if there is to be any kind of music in the service. The church will usually provide one, though if a couple wishes a friend or a relative to play this can be arranged. Be aware, though, that the normal organist fee will normally still be payable.

Our bellringers are all volunteers, and so while we seldom have to disappoint couples who request them, we cannot guarantee them for a particular occasion. Obviously any fees for these will be refunded in the event of them not being available.

### ***Photography & Videos***

Flash photography is permitted for the arrival of the bride, the signing of the registers, and the departure of bride and groom.

The official photographer may take photos during the service so long as s/he remains in one location and does not use flash.

Video recordings of the service in its entirety are permitted, provided that the following conditions are met:

- notice is given to the minister beforehand;
- the video operator(s) must agree with the minister a fixed location for the camera(s); only one position is allowed up to the signing of the registers, and no additional lighting is to be used;
- additional fees are paid
- an appropriate licence is obtained from European Copyright Licensing Ltd. [www.videolicence.co.uk](http://www.videolicence.co.uk), tel: 01323 436111. This licence will need to be shown to the officiating cleric before or on the day of the ceremony.

### ***Flowers***

The use of floral decorations in church can greatly enhance the aesthetic appeal of the occasion, and many couples have a clear idea of how they want flowers to be arranged and used.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide flower arrangers for weddings.

If you intend to have flowers in the church you will need to instruct your florist to contact the officiating member of the clergy a few days ahead of the ceremony in order to arrange access to the church.

### ***Punctuality***

It is traditional for the bride to be a little late for her wedding.

While five minutes is acceptable, please be aware that excessive lateness can bring greatly increased stress to the groom and guests. A late start may necessitate non-legal elements of the

ceremony (music, photographs of the signing of the registers, etc) being deleted in order to make up for lost time.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you arrive at the church early enough for all preliminaries (photos of the bride getting out of the car, with bridesmaids, etc) to have been completed by the time the service is due to begin. Be aware, too, that the organist and bell ringers are only booked for 45 minutes, and may have other commitments to which they need to get away.

### ***Collection***

We normally have a monetary collection for the benefit of the church during one of the hymns. Please let us know in advance if you have a strong objection to this.

### ***Deposit***

The first thing to do, once you have secured your choice of venue for the Reception, is to secure the date and time of the service in church by means of a non-refundable deposit. You have 28 working days in which to send in the deposit, or then the entry will be deleted from the system.

The deposit is deductible from the fees.

Please send a cheque for £50 to:

31 Newbury Drive, Daventry NN11 0WQ

The cheque should be made payable to:

St Martin's Welton PCC

Once the date and time are thus confirmed, you do not need to do anything in connection with the church until four months prior to the date of the wedding. At that point, please ring me again, and I will arrange to meet with you to discuss the final arrangements.

### ***Balance of the fees***

There are two elements to the fees, those payable to the church and those to the musicians and vergers. At the date of our meeting before the wedding you will be advised of the date by which a cheque for the church proportion of the fees must be submitted. This is usually six weeks before the wedding date.

We ask that the fees for musicians and vergers be paid in cash and in separate amounts at the wedding rehearsal. Again you will be advised of this amount at the meeting.

The documentation you will be required to produce (if any), and the date and time of rehearsal, will be discussed at the meeting four months before the wedding.

### ***And finally...***

Planning and preparing for a wedding involves a great deal of thought and hard work, and we want to be of any assistance that we can. Please do not hesitate to call if you require any help.

#### **Next Steps:**

**Send the deposit**

**Wait for your letter about the Wedding Preparation Evening**

**Contact me four months prior to your wedding date**

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