

Your Wedding



at
All Saints' Church, Didcot
with
the Ladygrove and
Great Western Park
Churches

We are so pleased that you are thinking about getting married in the parish church of All Saints', Didcot. It will be a privilege to play a part in your special day.

We will do everything that we can to ensure that the service goes well. We want your wedding day to be a day you'll remember for the rest of your lives - not just for the joy and celebration, but most of all for the time you spend in the church, declaring your love for one another and making your vows to each other before God and receiving His blessing.

Christian marriage is a lifelong commitment. That's why a good deal of thought and prayer will go into preparing for it - not just the day of the actual wedding ceremony but also your lives together.

We have put this leaflet together to help you a little with some of the details for the day.

We hold a preparation day near the beginning of the year when you will join with all the other couples planning to get married in the church and we will meet you on a number of occasions afterwards.

We would also recommend that you take a look at the Church of England's website www.yourchurchwedding.org. There you will find ideas about music, hymns, readings, prayers, etc to enable you to personalise your wedding service, as well as a lot of helpful information about married life together. But please do feel free to discuss with us any ideas that you might have to personalise your service.



BANNS

The calling of Banns is what the Church does when we publicly declare in our main Sunday service that a couple are intending to get married. If you have never heard Banns called, we simply give the full names of the two people, which parish they live in and the church where they will be getting married and ask all present if anyone knows a reason why they should not marry.

Banns have to be called at the church in which you are getting married (ie All Saints') during the main service of the day on three consecutive Sundays within the three months before your wedding.

If either or both of you live elsewhere, the Banns will also need to be called in your home parish and you will have to contact the vicar there to arrange this. We will be able to tell which parish you live in if you don't know. Once they have been called, you will need to obtain a certificate from the other parish or parishes stating that your Banns have been correctly called there. This costs £41.00 which needs to be paid to the relevant church.

It is good, if you can, to be present when your Banns are called. It gives everyone in the church the opportunity to know whose Banns we are calling and it also gives you the chance to hear a prayer that we will specially pray for you.

To call your Banns, we will need to take down some basic personal details (full names, dates of birth, address, etc). Please therefore keep us informed of any changes.

PRINTED ORDERS OF SERVICE

These are not essential, but if you are inviting fifty or more guests to the church they are more convenient than using various hymn books and give people a souvenir to take home with them. As we plan your service together we can advise you on the lay-out of the order of service and can show you some examples.

If you do plan to have one, we need to see a proof copy before they are printed as mistakes have been known to be made.

MUSIC

One of our church organists will be available to play at your service and will be happy to advise about the choice of hymns and other music. You are also welcome to use recorded music as well. We can discuss this with you as we plan the service.

FLOWERS

All Saints' Church has flowers every week except during Advent (December before Christmas) and Lent (the period leading up to Easter), using seasonal flowers. You are, however, welcome to have a florist or member of your family provide special arrangements. In such cases, most people arrange one pedestal, an arrangement on the east window behind the altar and one on the table near the door. The flower coordinator is Madeleine Loynes (tel. 814297 or 210163). Please contact her if you wish to make arrangements about flowers.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Flash photography is not allowed during the service as it can be distracting and intrusive. There will however be an opportunity for the official photographer to take photos immediately after the signing of the registers and as you leave the church at the end. A video may be used with the agreement of the minister officiating at your wedding. There is a fee of payable to All Saints' Church if the service is videoed.

USHERS

You will need at least two ushers to hand out service sheets or hymn-books and show people to their seats. A church verger will be there to guide them.

It is also helpful to know the approximate number expected on the day and if you are expecting any of your guests to be in a wheelchair or to have have other additional needs.

SIGNING THE REGISTER

The signing of the register takes place in the Lady Chapel. You need two witnesses to also sign the register. People often choose two parents, one from each family or the best man and oldest bridesmaid (if over 18) are usual combinations. We need to know their names in advance.

TIMING

We want your wedding service to be a happy and relaxed occasion for you and your family. To this end, timing is important. We recognise that occasionally events may delay you but please aim for you all to be ready when the service is scheduled to start. Excessive lateness can be difficult for your guests and play havoc on the nerves of the groom! Also there may be another wedding or church event after you on the same day and we would hate to feel that we have to rush your service in order to catch up or even postpone it.

CAR PARKING

There are only limited car-parking facilities outside All Saints' Church. Some cars can use the Church Hall car park but please bear in mind that the Church Hall might also be in use that day and so have other cars parked there. We will be able to let you know in advance if this is the case.

The vergers will place bollards in the parking bay outside the church so that the bridal cars have somewhere to park. Otherwise you are responsible for organising parking.

THE WEDDING REHEARSAL

The wedding rehearsal generally takes place in the week before the wedding at the church. It takes about half an hour. We will walk you through the service with all the accompanying actions. This is a good opportunity for you to raise any questions you like .

Ideally the rehearsal should include yourselves, the person giving the bride away, the best man and the senior bridesmaid.

You should bring to the rehearsal: the fees in cash (including some smaller denomination notes); the orders of service if applicable; the names of the witnesses to sign the register; and the banns certificate from another parish if they have been called there.

COST OF THE SERVICE

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| Publication of Banns | £29.00 |
| Marriage Preparation and Service | £441.00 |
| Marriage Certificate: | £4.00 (each) |

Optional:

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| Vergers: | £45.00 |
| Organist: | £75.00 |
| Choir | £100.00 |
| Bells | £45.00 |
| Heating (if required) | £30.00 |
| Audio fee (sound recording only) | £30.00 |
| Video (videoed including sound) | £160.00 |

Please Note: these fees are valid for weddings in 2018. It is usual for the Church Commissioners and All Saints' Church to consider and possibly increase them near the end of the year.

Please also note that a deposit of £50 is required to secure the booking of your wedding. Also please let us know as soon as possible which (if any) of the optional features you would like so that we can make the necessary arrangements. We will do all we can to provide what you ask for but, during holiday periods, the choir may not be available.

WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

Of course, there's so much more to church life than simply preparing you for and conducting your marriage service. In the Parish of All Saints', there are three different but equally vibrant church communities who would love to meet you and support you as you take this step.

You'll find more information about our different churches and what we get up to on our websites but you'll get a better idea about us by joining us so feel free to drop in. We're sure you'll receive a warm welcome.

All Saints' Church

Lydalls Road

meets every Sunday at 8.00am and 10.00am

www.didcotallsaints.org.uk

The Ladygrove Church

Ladygrove Community Centre, Tamar Way, OX11 7QH

meets every Sunday at 10.00am

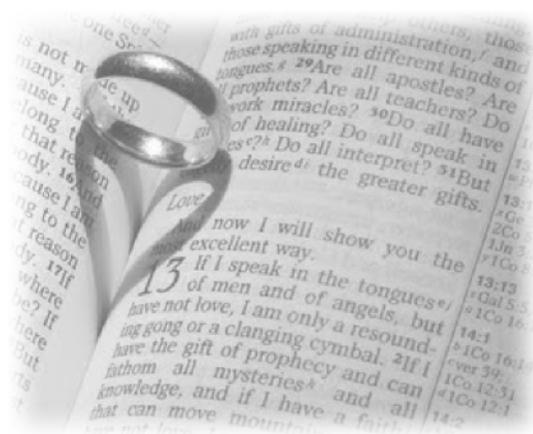
www.theladygrovechurch.org.uk

Great Western Park Community Church

University Technical College, Greenwood Way, OX11 6BZ

meets every Sunday at 11.00am

www.facebook.com/gwpcommunitychurch



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