

Bemerton Parish 2020

Guide to Getting Married



St. John's



St. Andrew's



St. Michael's

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This is going to be an exciting year for you and we want to make sure that it all goes smoothly. Now that you've made the choice of who you want to spend the rest of your life with, we want to help you understand and make the best choices for the day itself.

In this booklet you will find information about:

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Please note, at the moment we have no permanent Vicar, but you will be allocated a local minister about three months prior to your wedding. If you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, preferably by email (bemerton.parih@yahoo.co.uk).

St John's Church - St Johns is not just a Church, it is also a licensed reception venue. It is one of the few churches in the country where you can get married and stay and have your meal and party all in one place. Whilst the church runs the legal and service side of the wedding and all its costs, St John's Place Manager, Shelley Wood, runs the wedding venue side, and has an attractive range of packages to suit all pockets and tastes. If you would like both wedding and reception in St Johns Church, you need to book the 2pm slot.

St Michael's Church - St Michael's Church is available and has a Church Hall just next door where it is possible to have your reception.

St Andrew's Church – St Andrew's Church is not Licensed for weddings although regular Sunday services are held there.

When we book your wedding we give you 1/2 hour before the service to set up, 45 minutes for the service, and then 1/2 hour to clear up.

Banns

The Banns are the legal way of informing the world that you are getting married, and asking if there is any objection. **If either of you lives in another parish, then the Banns must also be 'called' there – it's up to you to arrange this, but we can help you find the parish and get in touch with the vicar.** The Vicar there will issue a certificate saying that the Banns have been 'called', and that no-one has objected.

Banns are usually 'called' on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, at the 10:30 morning service at St Michael's Church. We usually do them 2to3 months before your wedding month - so we 'call' them in April for a June wedding, or June for an August one and so on. It's really good for you to be there at least once to hear them, especially the first week, just to check that all the details are correct. If they are not 'called' when you expect them, or if there is anything wrong with the details, please tell the Minister leading the service immediately after the service and he or she will put matters right as soon as possible.

Music

Most people like to sing a hymn or two, so please include the price of the organist in your wedding. If you wish to use the organ but provide your own organist we will reduce the cost by £65.

Most people now play the other music, for entry of the bride, signing the registers and the dismissal, through their phone. We can play CD's, but phone is better. Please choose someone responsible to press play and stop the music at the right time!

We also have a music group for more modern worship songs, and their fee is negotiable.

You need to choose music for the entry of the bride; the final procession and time during signing of the registers. There are usually 2 hymns or worship songs during the service.

Suggestions for Hymns and Processional Music

There are a number of websites where you can listen to these to help you choose, including:

www.weddingorganist.com

www.2-in-2-1.co.uk

www.confetti.co.uk

www.weddingguide.co.uk

Music at the bride's entrance

Trumpet Voluntary - Jeremiah Clark

Trumpet Tune - Purcell

Nun Danket Alle Gott - Karg Elert

Trumpet Tune - Charpentier

Wedding March - Wagner

Hornpipe ("water music" - Handel)

Minuet ("Royal Fireworks" - Handel)

Hymns: (*Hymn Book - Ancient & Modern New Standard*)

104 For the beauty of the earth (Tune 450)

113 Father, hear the prayer we offer (as set or 509)

115 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

116 All things Bright and Beautiful

131 Love divine all loves excelling (as set or 464)

156 Come down, O Love divine (1st tune)

192 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

200 Fill thou my life, O Lord my God

205 Now thank we all our God

224 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

378 Jesus, good above all other

391 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

394 Lord of all hopefulness (tune 395 Slane)

459 Give me joy in my heart

Music for final procession:

Wedding March - Mendelssohn
Toccata from 5th Org. Symph. - Widor
Nun Danket Alle Gott - Karg Elert
Grand March from Aida - Verdi
March from Occ. Oratorio - Handel
Minuet ("Royal Fireworks") Handel
Toccata & Fugue in D Minor - Bach
(All Trumpet Tunes from "entrance" section are also suitable.)

Vows

This is the heart of the service, the point of the day, so you might like to spend time together talking through what this means, you can even practice saying them to each other!

The minister says to the bridegroom

“N, will you take N to be your wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live? “

He answers: “I will..”

The minister says to the bride

“N, will you take N to be your husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? “

She answers: “I will.”

The minister says to the congregation

“Will you, the families and friends of N and N, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come? “

The congregation answers: “We will. “

A hymn may be sung.

The couple stand before the minister.

The minister introduces the vows in these or similar words:

“N and N, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people. “

The bride and bridegroom face each other. The bridegroom takes the bride's right hand in his.

“I, N,
take you, N,
to be my wife,
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part.,
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow. “

They loose hands. The bride takes the bridegroom's right hand in hers, and says

**“I, N, take you, N,
to be my husband,
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow. “**

They loose hands.

The minister receives the ring(s), and says this prayer:

“Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to N and N a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day through Jesus Christ our Lord. “ Amen.”

The bridegroom places the ring on the fourth finger of the bride's left hand and, holding it there, says

**“N, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”**

If rings are exchanged, they loose hands and the bride places a ring on the fourth finger of the bridegroom's left hand and, holding it there, says

**“N, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”**

Readings

You can choose any part of the Bible to be read at your wedding, but here are two of the most popular:

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7

My beloved speaks and says to me:

'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in
blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm;

for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,

neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

You may also have one other reading that is not from the Bible. Try googling - 'readings for wedding ceremonies', you'll get a wide choice!

Rehearsal

This usually takes place on a weekday evening during the week before, probably Tuesday or Wednesday depending on other bookings. It lasts about half an hour, and besides the Bride and Groom, the other people that need to be there are the Best Man, Bridesmaids, and whoever is giving the Bride away (if you are doing that).

Bells

St. John's bells have become unworkable and until we have the £7000 necessary to repair them we cannot offer this anymore. St. Michael's has no bells at all.

Orders of Service

We provide the necessary service books, and hymn books, so a printed order of service is not strictly necessary, but it does make a pleasant memento of the occasion. It should include only the order of service and the words of the hymns.

Please show the "proof" copy to the person taking your service so that he or she can check it is all correct before printing the full amount.

Bemerton Parish Office can produce Orders of Service for you, from £25 for 100 basic B&W copies. Please enquire for colour copy costs.

A Typical order of service might be:

Arrival of the Bride

Welcome

Hymn

The Declarations

Reading(s)

Talk

Hymn

The Vows; The Giving of Rings

Registration of the Marriage

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Departure of the Bride and Groom

Photo's and Video's

It's great to have a record of the occasion, and we have no objection to photographers or videos: it's your day and you should get what you want where possible.

Whether you are using a professional or a friend, make sure that they know exactly the shots *you* want - whether you want them to be standing over your shoulder as you say your vows or not, whether you want them to stop your procession going down the aisle, etc. The day is about you, not your photographer, so be firm!

If you are having a video there is a good place to put a stationary camera up in the choir, and we suggest that any other handheld shots are from the congregational point of view.

Size of Venue

St. John's Church is able to hold 150 people, and St. Michael's Church 120. St. Andrew's Church is not licensed for weddings.

Parking

If you think there will more than 20 cars coming to St John's Church, you might want to consider asking the Cricket Club to open the field next to the church. Their phone number is: 01722 327 108

Flowers

We would be delighted should you wish to have flowers in the church. There are 2 pedestals in church, and you will usually have access to the church on the Saturday

morning. You should have been told if there are other weddings on the same day, should wish to co-ordinate colours or agree to split the cost. Do take your flowers with you to the reception, as we can't look after them and the other groups that use the building don't really want them. If you want to see St John's beforehand or discuss when you can put the flowers in you need to talk to Paula (phone number at the end).

Choir

There is no church choir, but if you want to find one or hire one, we'd love it!

Usher

It is helpful if you can provide three people to act as ushers. Their task is to make sure that everyone is seated in the right places, and has all the books and papers they need. Also to direct cars where to park, and sometimes play the music.

Confetti

We are very, very happy for you to use confetti to celebrate your special day. There are a couple of special restrictions however: it can be used **outdoors only** and **paper or real flower petals** only - not metal or plastic stuff (you'd be surprised!).

Chairs

Because St John's Church is also a community venue, it has no pews, and therefore we have to put out 100 or so chairs for your wedding. There is a fee for this.

Cost - 2019 Fees

Item Cost

Wedding Ceremony;
Banns & Marriage Certificate £489.00

Organist £70.00

Associated fees £66.00
(St John's Church only)

Total... **£**

Heating (Oct - Apr) £25.00

Banns and Certificate..... £45.00
(if you live within our parish and are getting married in another)

These Fees are subject to the Church's Central Board of Finance, and our PCC, and will go up every January.

Wedding Blessing £125.00
(eg after Registry office or other legal venue)

You will be normally be invoiced in January or February of the year of your marriage.

Full payment is requested about six weeks prior to the wedding.

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