

PARISH OF HAMPSHIRE DOWNS

WEDDINGS

1. *St. Peter's Church (Jewry Street), St. Stephen's Church (Olivers Battery Road) and St. Gregory's Church, Alresford are licensed for weddings. The choice of the church is made by the couple to be married.*

2. *Preferably, six months notice should be given to the Priest or Deacon prior to the date of the wedding.*

Your first meeting will be with Mrs Jenny Guerrier 01962 882636 who will prepare the paperwork. Then you will meet with the Priest or Deacon who is officiating at your wedding. He will want to discuss your Order of Service and arrange a rehearsal. Couples are expected to attend a Marriage Preparation Course in their local area as an indispensable part of the preparation for marriage. A certificate of Attendance will be kept in the marriage records at the church of your marriage.

4. *Each party should bring a Baptismal Certificate (if you are a Catholic it will need to be a recent certificate), unless one of you is unbaptised. If under 18, a person should have written permission from their parents. Also required is a letter from a parent confirming that you have not been married previously. If you are resident in another Parish we will require a Letter of Freedom from the Parish Priest to say that you have not been married before.*

5. Civil Requirements

The priests and deacons are Authorised Persons for the registration of marriages. Each of you requires a Marriage Certificate which is provided at your request and purchased from the Registrar of the district in which you live. It can be applied for within twelve months of the wedding but at least three weeks prior to the wedding. The Registrar will require proof of your identity e.g. Birth Certificate or passport.

6. Church Arrangements

a) *The order of Service will be prepared with you by the Priest or Deacon who is officiating. It is your choice whether you have a Service Sheet printed.*

b) *Music: To arrange an organist or choir, please contact Mr. I. Waring Green as soon as a date is set, so that someone can be booked to play. Contact can be made at an appropriate time to arrange details of the music itself. Tel: 01962 735588. If you wish to use another organist, please contact Mr. Waring Green first.*

c) *Flowers: You are welcome to organise your own flower arrangers or you can contact St. Peter's flower arrangers. In either case please contact the Parish Office on 01962 852804.*

d) *Photos and video may be taken during the service (but don't let the photographer control your wedding. They usually do!)*

e) *Confetti is not encouraged, except in small doses! Please do not use confetti inside the Churches, thank you.*

f) *During Advent and Lent the church must be taken as it stands, irrespective of the time of year.*

WEDDING EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH

1. Church Expenses £250
2. Priest At your discretion
3. Organist Fee £85 – without choir or soloist
 £100 – with choir or soloist (allows for 1 hour's rehearsal)
If a sound or video recording is to be made, the fee should be negotiated with the organist beforehand)
4. Use of Organ £30
5. Bells £40
6. Registration (Sacristan) £50
This payment is due when signing the papers
Please note that extra copies of the Wedding Certificate will cost £7 each.
7. Choir fees £20 for each member (minimum 8)
8. Marriage Preparation Course fees will vary with locality.

Cheques should be made payable to 'PRCDTR Hampshire Downs'

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