

A guide to your Wedding At St Mary the Virgin Nunthorpe



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I am delighted that you have chosen to get married in St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe. It is always our hope that the Service in Church is one of the most memorable and enjoyable parts of your special day, and we do what we can to make it so. The Church has been involved in weddings for hundreds of years .

There are various choices that you can add to your day to make it special to you, and this little booklet explains some of the choices available.

We like to have details in for the wedding around six weeks beforehand, just to make sure we are organised.

If you have any queries, please do contact me by email any time.

With every good wish

Tessa Stephens

Vicar



Banns of Marriage

According to English Law we are allowed to marry people in a Church providing either Bride or Bridegroom: live in the Parish, are on the Church Electoral Roll, or have a qualifying connection. If you live in a Parish other than where you are getting married, then **you are responsible** for insuring that your Banns of Marriage are also read out in that Church before your Wedding. You need to collect a Banns Certificate to say that no impediment was alleged. There is a charge for this. It is advisable to go to the other Church around three months prior to your Wedding to ensure that everything goes alright. Foreign nationals and any living outside of England need to be married by License.



Choices within the Service

Do you want the old traditional vows, like the Royal wedding? What about promising to Obey? These options will be discussed at your rehearsal. You can also include other suitable readings in addition to the Bible reading and invite family or friends to do these.

Music For Your Wedding

The traditional tunes played on the organ remain very popular at weddings, but other tunes are also possible

We can also play recorded music, but please check with us as to its suitability for the occasion and building.

Musical Items

Have you a friend or relations with a good voice? What about inviting them to sing for you at your wedding?

Sometimes people have brought string quartets, harpists and classical guitarists to their wedding. If you have an idea, why not discuss it with us and we can advise whether it will work or not.



Hymns

There are usually three congregational hymns during the service: one at the beginning, one after the Vows, and one during the signing of the Registers before the prayers.

The hymns are there to help involve the congregation and to cover us when we are doing something. Here are some popular choices, but you may have other ones you like.

*Praise my soul the King of heaven
Love divine, all loves excelling
Amazing grace
Morning has broken
All things bright and beautiful
Be still for the presence of the Lord
O worship the king
Father I place into your hands
Father, hear the prayer we offer
Guide me, O thou great redeemer
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Lord of all hopefulness
Make me a channel of your peace
Dear Lord and Father of mankind
To God be the glory
O Jesus I have promised
Give me joy in my heart*

There are also some new hymns written especially for weddings that go to very well known tunes like Jerusalem, I Vow to Thee my country and Morning has broken.

Visit <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/hymns-media-player.aspx> to listen to some.

Service Sheets

These help make the occasion more personal, but you don't need to go to huge expense, as they can be produced fairly easily on a PC. They also allow for a greater variety of hymns. If you have any problems in this area, please see the Vicar as we can produce them for you at a very reasonable cost.

Please check out the wedding section of our Church Website for further tips and advice
www.stmarys-nunthorpe.org

Flowers

We are happy for you to hire a florist to decorate the church for your wedding.



Videos and Photographs

Photographs provide a wonderful record of your special day, and we have excellent relations with local photographers, who are most welcome to come to the rehearsal to see the Church first so they know how to fit in. We prefer to keep the flow of the service going, and pose for some shots after the service.

We also allow an official video of the ceremony in Church as long as this is done unobtrusively. The photographer has seniority on the day.

Wedding Collection

It has become a custom at Weddings here to donate the Retiring Collection to a Charity nominated by the Bride and Groom beforehand. This is a lovely way of sharing your happiness with others and is been much appreciated by those who have received the collections.

If you need any guidance or suggestions, please see the Vicar.

The Cost

To be married in a historic listed building, with a traditional Church wedding service, with hymns, organ and bells will cost you a lot less than a civil wedding at a venue. Our services take around 45 minutes and we hope provide memories for a lifetime. Much of the fee is set centrally for the whole Church of England with local variations for organ, bells etc. Please ask for up to date details. We want your special day to be as happy and joyful as possible, and to run smoothly without any last minute hitches to worry about. If you have any queries at all, please email me, or the parish office: stmarysparish@hotmail.co.uk,

Bells

The sound of Church bells ringing as you leave the Church lets everyone know the celebration that is happening.

The current charge to have them rung in celebration as you leave Church is £40

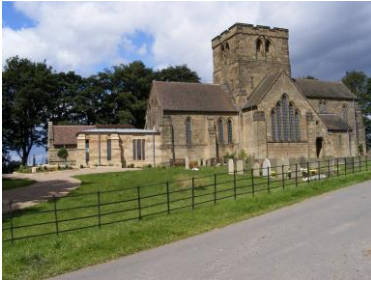
Parking at your Wedding

There is plenty of parking at St Mary's with a large car park with disabled spaces if need be.

Cancellation / Postponement

If for any reason you decide to either cancel your Wedding or postpone it, please could you notify us in writing as soon as possible to free the time for other couples and those involved. Thank You.

Sunday Services



St Mary's Church, Church Lane Nunthorpe – TS7 0PD

10.00 am Parish Eucharist (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month)
5.30 pm Evensong/Holy Communion*

*check website: www.stmarys-nunthorpe.org.uk for details of which service it will be.



St Mary's Church Hall, Morton Carr Lane, Nunthorpe – TS7 0JU

9.30 am Informal Café Church service, 1st Sunday of each month
10.00 am Family communion service, 4th Sunday of each month

Check website for further details/dates