

# Application for Marriage

*Full Name (block capitals)		*Age at proposed date of wedding	*Condition	Rank, profession, or occupation	Address at time of publishing banns	Father's full name (if deceased add deceased)	Father's rank, profession or occupation
(Man)							
(Woman)							
Nationality		Date of birth	Have you been previously married?	If so, was the previous marriage terminated by death?	*Since when have you lived at the address above?	Have you been baptized? If so, where?	*Which is your parish church?
(Man)							
(Woman)							
Are you related, or connected by marriage? If so, how?		*At what church do you wish to be married?	*On what date?	At what time?	*I hereby certify that to the best of my belief the answers to the above questions are correct	(Man)	Date
						(Woman)	Date
Future (married) address			Phone numbers			Witnesses	
Fees 2013	<b>Extras</b>	Total	Paid	In	Hymns		
<b>Basic Package</b> <b>£496</b>	Bells <b>£29</b> Cantamus <b>£70</b> Video <b>£55</b>			Music – Registers			
Marriage Preparation?		Bible Reading		Out	Printed Order / Hymn Book		
Interview?		Rehearsal Date & Time			Flowers		Choir
Banns certificate required? Y / N	Qualifying Connection (see overleaf)			Rings	Organist	Minister	
Banns to be read				1 / 2			

## NOTES TO AN APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE

A person has a Qualifying Connection with a parish if:

- **that person:**

- was baptised in the parish. (This does not apply where the baptism formed part of a combined service of baptism or confirmation); or
- had his or her confirmation entered in a church register book of a church or chapel in the parish; or
- has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
- has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

**or**

- a Parent of that person has at any time during that person's lifetime:
- had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
- habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

**or**

- a Parent or Grandparent of that person was married in the parish.

In all these cases/In all cases involving church services - i.e. coming to/going to/attending normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage - this applies only to Church of England services.

A couple do not have the right:

- to insist on being married on a particular date or at a particular time. The date and time have to be agreed with the minister of the church, subject to the normal rules in the Marriage Act 1949 (i.e. the marriage must be solemnised within 3 months after the publication of the banns has been completed and between 8 am and 6 pm); or
- to the services of an organist, a choir, bell-ringers etc – again, this is a matter for agreement.

As regards the terms “Parent” and “Grandparent” in the Measure:

- a Parent means:
- a parent of either a legitimate or an illegitimate child; or
- an adoptive parent. This requires legal adoption; or
- a person “who has undertaken the care and upbringing” of another person. This points to a potentially long-term relationship.
- For a Grandparent one of the above three types of relationship must apply between each generation and the next, i.e. between grandparent and parent; and between the parent and the Applicant.

Banns are required to be read in the Parish the wedding takes place and the Parish each person resides in and a banns certificate obtained from each parish other than this parish. At least seven days notice is required before the first reading of banns.

If either person will not be 18 by the proposed date of the wedding, the priest will need to know the consent of the parents or guardians has been obtained.

### **Marriage in church after divorce**

The Church of England teaches that marriage is for life. It also recognizes that some marriages sadly do fail and, if this should happen, it seeks to be available for all involved. The Church accepts that, in exceptional circumstances, a divorced person may marry again in church during the lifetime of a former spouse.

If you are thinking about asking to be married in church, you should discuss this with your local parish priest. Please do this well before choosing a date for your wedding. Some priests may be willing to take such a marriage, others may not be prepared to do so, on grounds of conscience, and may not allow the use of their church either. The law of the land permits them this choice.

If your parish priest is willing to discuss the possibility of conducting your marriage, he/she will want to talk to you frankly about the past, your hopes for the future and your understanding of marriage. You and your intended spouse should therefore be prepared to consider some questions. You are advised to reflect beforehand on the issues they raise – and should be prepared to answer them honestly.

- What does marriage mean to you?
- What have you learned from your previous marriage?
- Has there been healing of past hurts?
- If you have children, how are they being looked after?
- What do others think of your marriage plans?
- When did your new relationship begin?
- Have either of you been divorced more than once?
- Are you wanting to grow in the Christian faith?