

Arrangements for your Wedding in 2022

The parishioners of Great and Little Coates with Bradley are delighted that you wish to hold your wedding in one of our three beautiful churches. We hope to help you make your wedding very special. The information below is to help you understand what is required of you in arranging a wedding and what you can expect from us. Please read this thoroughly to answer a lot of the questions you may have and keep it to refer to before your wedding.

The legal part

Banns of Marriage

This is the legal notice of your wedding read out at services on three Sundays. If one or both of you live in another parish, it is essential that you arrange for Banns of Marriage to be read out in your home parish, and that you collect a certificate to say that this has been done. Your home parish will charge you a legal fee of £48 to do this. We look after arrangements in our own parish and don't need to issue ourselves with a certificate. We usually read out your Banns of Marriage on three Sundays, two months before your wedding (i.e. we do this in June for weddings in August, and so on). We do this at the 10.30 a.m. services (at St Michael's or St Nicolas') (St George's speak to Rector). If you would like to hear your Banns read contact one of the clergy two months before to give you exact dates.

If one or both of you is a national of a country which is outside the European Economic Area, you will require a Superintendent Registrar's Certificate to marry, rather than have banns read.

Identity

We need to be sure you are who you say you are, and that you live where you say you live! So please make sure we have seen two proofs of identification before the wedding. Please bring a photo ID like passport, driving licence and a proof of address such as recent bank statements with your address on them or utility bill from within the past three months. If you not a British citizen, please tell us now.

Copyright

If you are printing your own Order of Service then it's likely that it really needs to have a proper copyright announcement in it. If you are recording the service and it includes any music which is copyright then further care is needed. The clergyperson helping you prepare can talk you through all this.

Clergy

One of us will be happy to work with you in preparing your wedding and may very well then end up being the one who conducts it. If you are planning to print your own order of service, you will need to get on with discussing this with one of us sooner rather than later. You may wish to discuss other things as well (such as forms of marriage preparation or explorations of what the church believes about God and marriage).

The Rev'd David McCormick, St Nicolas vicarage, Great Coates Rd DN379NS (01472 280477)
rector@glcbchurches.org

The Rev'd Jenny Camm, St Michael's Rectory, Littlecoates Telephone: 01472 902071

Email: jenny.camm@lincoln.anglican.org

Fees

The almost inclusive fee (everything from the legal fees to the organist, but *not* including choir, flowers or winter heating) is £631. If you ask for a choir to sing then you'll need to add £50 (which we pay to them). Flowers are mentioned below. If we run heating (which we'd be likely to do from October to April) we ask you to add £25. But if this causes you a real problem or hardship, speak to one of us confidentially. **The fees are to be paid in full month before the wedding if the wedding is to take place. Weddings cancelled less than two weeks before the event will be subject to paying the organists fee in full.**

2022 basic wedding fee (May to Sept) £631 (Oct-April with heating) £656

With special license deduct £45 as no Banns are needed. Choir add an extra £50

Payments can be made on Saturday morning between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon at St Michael's Church. Cheques should be payable to:

St George's:	St George's DCC
St Michael's	St Michaels Church Committee
St Nicolas'	St Nicolas' DCC

If you wish to use telephone banking or set up an online payment you will need to give an identifying number that can be requested at St Michael's church on Saturdays 10-12am. (an identifying number should have been given at time of booking)

Flowers

We don't include providing flowers in our fees, although there may be flowers in church arranged by someone for the Sunday services. If you are going to provide your own flowers or if you would like to make arrangements with those who normally arrange church flowers, please contact Lily Isaac (354748) for St Michael's or the priest taking your wedding for St George's and St Nicolas'.

Confetti

During the service we are likely to make announcement requesting confetti be thrown at the churchyard gate rather than at the church door or in the churchyard itself, but we don't make a fuss if some people are over enthusiastic.

Photographs and video recording

Photographs and videos can be taken for most of the service provided this doesn't become the main focus of the service, or distract the organist, or get used on a commercial basis. If there is a wedding immediately after yours then it is important that your photographer take no more pictures one hour after the advertised starting time of your service. We can show the photographer or video recordist where good positions are at times like the rehearsal, and it would be important for us to do so if an amateur is involved.

Rehearsal

After we have done all the other preparation, we usually arrange to run through the service with the two of you (or with a much larger group if you prefer) near the time of the wedding. This isn't like rehearsing a play (you don't have to remember anything on the day!) but rather an opportunity to run through things and for us to have accurate notes of how this particular wedding is going to go.

Your special day

Please feel free to get in touch if you are unsure of anything. You may have chosen a Christian wedding but this doesn't mean that you have to fit into a predetermined package; if there anything you'd like to do a bit differently just ask or have a look at the Church of England website for weddings; there are lots of suggestions there. Yourchurchwedding.org

Music

You can do what you like. The most usual thing would be to pick one hymn for the middle of the service, or two for the beginning and end, or three for beginning, middle and end. The twenty five hymns most often chosen are listed here, but don't feel restricted to this list when making your choice.

Amazing Grace	Immortal, invisible	Praise my soul the King of heaven
All things bright and beautiful	Lead us, heavenly father	Praise to the Lord the almighty
Be thou my vision	Lord of all hopefulness	The King of love my shepherd is
Bind us together	Love divine	The Lord's my shepherd
Come down, O love divine	Make me a channel of your peace	Through all the changing scenes of life
Dear Lord and Father of mankind	Morning has broken	Who put the colour in the rainbow
For the beauty of the earth	Now thank we all our God	Thine be the glory
Give me joy in my heart	O Jesus I have promised	Carols are possible around Christmas
Guide me, O thou great redeemer	One more step along the world	
I danced in the morning		

The Organist is provided as part of your wedding package. They will play before the service for your guests' entertainment. They will play the traditional Bridal March (from Lohengrin by Wagner) and the traditional Wedding March (the Duke of Athens' Wedding March from Midsummer Night's Dream by Mendelssohn) as the bride enters and as the new husband and wife leave the church, unless you request him or her to play something else. He or she will also choose a piece to play during the registration of the marriage (or if you have the choir, something which they sing), unless you request him or her to play something else.

There are many things which might be played at these points, so do think about making your own choices if you want to. The organists can easily play things from their usual play list (which we will give you) but if you choose something unusual you may need to let us know in lots of time and possibly provide the sheet music at your own expense.