



St Peter's

**Leckhampton
Parish Church**

Arrangements For Your Wedding

Legalities

You can marry at St Peter's if you can show:-

That one of you:

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months **or**
- was baptised in St Peter's **or**
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish **or**
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services at St Peter's for a period of at least 6 months **or**

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months **or**
- has regularly gone to normal church services at St Peter's for a period of at least 6 months **or**

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

Even if you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, it may still be possible for you to marry at St Peter's, by applying for an Archbishop's Licence and I can give you details of how to apply. If one of you is of a nationality other than British you can also be married by Common Licence (apply to me for the application for the Licence.)

In advance of your Wedding, it is advertised so that you can be legally married. Usually this will be by the calling of Banns.

Banns are "called" at St Peter's on the first three Sundays of the month before the Wedding. You will also need to arrange to have them called in the parish(es) in which you live. The parish priest in that parish will provide you with a Certificate of Banns that you will show to me prior to the wedding. The fee for the Banns and Certificate is £34. The fee for the Banns at St Peter's is included in the fees set out on the separate list of charges.

Order of Service

I will give you full text of the Wedding Service together with an outline to form an order of service and suggested readings. To help you make your musical selection, please read the leaflet from the Director of Music.

Flowers

I enclose a leaflet from the Flower Guild. You will need to discuss your plans with Mrs Biddle, the Coordinator for the Guild. She will also explain their charges. Please contact her at least six weeks before the Wedding. Your cheque in payment (payable to St. Peter's Leckhampton Flower Guild) should reach her three weeks before the event. If you wish to do them yourself or arrange for another florist, this must be in consultation with Veronica and with the agreement of the Priest-in-Charge.

Photography

Photos are best taken by your official photographer up to and including the entrance of the bride. We allow the official photographer to take some during the service (without flash). Others may do so during the Signing of the Registers, for the exit from the Church then after the Service. One useful tip - most brides like to have photos of their arrival and then on the walk up to the Church. Because of the distance, this can take several minutes. I advise that you plan to arrive at the gate five minutes before the service is set to begin so that you have plenty of time to get to the Church door.

Video

Please think carefully about having a Video made of the Service. Because it is a recording of music and words from which money will be made, a further charge can be levied by musicians and for the copyright of the Service. If you are considering a video by a friend or member of the family you will have to obtain copyright permission for both music and words. You may wish to use a professional copyist as they make excellent recordings with minimal fuss if you intend to go ahead and usually have blanket Copyright permission.

Costs

Please see the separate list of charges. These include fees that we are obliged to make as well as other Church costs such as Bell-ringing, organ etc.

If you are married using either a Common Licence or Archbishop's Licence, there will be a small reduction to the legal Fees.

If a professional Video is made, an additional sum may be payable to cover the fee owing to the musicians and any copyright cost.

Before and on the Day

1. A Rehearsal is held for your mutual arrangement for yourselves, best man, bridesmaids, etc.
2. Please arrange for people to act as Ushers on the day. They will need to be at the Church 30 minutes before the service so that they can be briefed on their duties.
3. You will need to ask two people to act as witnesses when the Registers are signed. They have to be present at the Wedding to witness it happening.
4. The Service lasts about 45 minutes. I do ask the Bride to be on time (see comments on photos) as many of the people assisting at your wedding have other engagements on the day.
5. We ask your guests to be considerate to our litter problem by only throwing confetti in the area of the Lychgate.

Facilities

1. Parking - this can be a problem as the only parking is on the roadside. Please ask your guests to park neatly.
2. Toilets - will be available.

Any further queries to

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