



## The Church of the Holy Redeemer

Getting Married at



2020 (v1)



Congratulations on your decision to get married. We aim to do our best to make your wedding day a success and in the weeks to come, the church will be praying for you and the arrangements you have to make.

As you will know, there are many practical things to sort out before the day itself. We hope that this leaflet will answer most of your questions about the arrangements for the service at Holy Redeemer.

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## **CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE - what does it mean to be married in Church?**

Your wedding day is the first day of your married life together. As you look forward to your wedding day at Holy Redeemer we hope and pray that it will be a special day for you as you begin your married life together.

The introduction to the service reminds us that 'Marriage is given that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy,' and that getting married is not something to be 'undertaken carelessly, lightly or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly and after serious thought.'

In the service you will be asked to agree before God to commit yourselves to each other 'for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till death us do part'. Making this commitment is meant to help you build together a secure, permanent and supportive relationship that will last a lifetime.

Those that you invite to celebrate your wedding with you are also given the opportunity to commit themselves to supporting and encouraging you in your married life together.

Finally, we are reminded too that married life can be at the foundation of family life together and is a place...

"... in which children may be born and nurtured in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory."

As part of the service we will pray that you will have the strength you will need to care for children and that you will be able to give them the love and care that they will need as they grow up.

Through the promises that you will make and the prayers that will be said in the service, we hope that you will share many happy and fulfilling years together.

**MAKING AN APPLICATION TO GET MARRIED AT HOLY REDEEMER** – before we are able to agree to conduct a wedding service for you at Holy Redeemer, you will need to apply using one of our application forms. As part of the application we ask that you provide evidence of your nationality and place of residence to enable us to comply with regulations that relate to this. Once your application has been received, we are able to advise you of any conditions that might apply or affect the arrangements for your proposed wedding and agree a date with you. A copy of our Application for Marriage can be found on the downloads page of our website – [www.holyredeemeryork.com](http://www.holyredeemeryork.com).

**WEDDING FEES** - our fees are made up of those published nationally by the Church Commissioners and other local charges set by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), on behalf of the church of the Holy Redeemer.

Unless otherwise arranged, the fee for the reading of banns should be paid prior to their reading and full payment of the remaining fees and charges for your service should be made (ideally by cheque) one month before the service. Cheques should be payable to 'Church of the Holy Redeemer, PCC.' Fees and charges for 2020 are currently set at;

- Publication of banns of Marriage - £31.00
- Certificate of banns if needed - £14.00.
- The Marriage Service – £463.00
- An organist - £75.00 for Piano £85.00 when organ is available (this is a typical fee; organists do set their own charges).
- A verger - £35.00.
- A Marriage Certificate issued on the day/subsequently - £11.00. (this fee is determined by HM Government and is typically revised from 1<sup>st</sup> April).
- Heating if required - £20.00

**Please note that the fees payable, are those set on the date of a wedding - not on making a booking for a date.**

**BANNS when resident in the parish** - if as most people do, you are getting married after the reading of banns being resident in our parish and have applied using one of our application forms, we are able to arrange for the reading of your banns at Holy Redeemer. To qualify, one of you needs to be resident in the parish of Holy Redeemer. A marriage after banns must be solemnized within 3 calendar months from the last publication. If having applied to be married at Holy Redeemer you subsequently move away from the parish, it is vital that you contact our wedding administrator as soon as possible, so that we can advise you about how this might affect the reading of your banns and eligibility then to marry here.

Please try to be at Holy Redeemer on the 3 mornings when your banns are being read. This helps you to get to know the church and make sure that the banns have been read for you and that you are aware of any objections being alleged – though we do of course assume that this will be unlikely.

**It is the responsibility of a partner living outside the parish to arrange the calling of their banns by their local Church of England minister** – an additional fee is payable to the church in which they are read. You will be

given a certificate to show that your banns have been read and you must bring this with you to the rehearsal at Holy Redeemer.

Please note that a wedding may not be possible without the banns having been read and a certificate being provided as evidence of this – please contact us immediately if there is a problem with the reading of banns at another church.

**MARRYING AT HOLY REDEEMER THROUGH A QUALIFYING CONNECTION** – we welcome those who would like to marry at Holy Redeemer and can establish a qualifying connection with us. For this, one of you will need to demonstrate that you wish to rely on a connection with the parish by virtue of **one or more** of the following using our 'Qualifying Connection' application form, which can be supplied to you on request:

- I was baptised in the parish (by a Church of England service/form of baptism)
- I have been confirmed (by a Church of England service) and my confirmation is entered in a register belonging to a church or chapel in the parish
- My parent or grandparent was married in the parish by a Church of England service
- I have had my usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months\*
- My parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime\*
- I have habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months \*\*
- My parent has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime.\*\*

*\* This can apply whether or not you or your parent(s) are still resident in the parish*

*\*\* This can apply whether or not you or your parent(s) are still attending worship in the parish*

Once a qualifying connection has been established, the arrangements for the reading of your banns are made as above. **You will also need to arrange for them to be read in the parishes in which you are actually resident.**

**WHO TAKES THE SERVICE?** - wedding services are usually taken by one of our staff. Occasionally it may be necessary to ask another local Church of England minister to take the service for you. Usually we would let you know of this no later than the night of the rehearsal.

**REHEARSAL** - at the rehearsal you will be able to go through the service together with the minister. Rehearsals are usually planned for 7.00pm on the Monday before the wedding. You will need to make sure that at least the best man can be present, and your bridesmaids if you plan to have them. Others involved in the service are welcome to join us too.

**HYMNS AND MUSIC** – these must be agreed with us in advance and some popular hymns are suggested at the end of this leaflet. Whenever possible we will help you to find an organist to play for you. Please remember that the organist will charge a fee and that the fee listed in the table above is only a guide to this, as the fee made by organists can vary.

**FLOWERS** - flowers in the church help contribute to the welcoming atmosphere at Holy Redeemer. If you want to have flowers in the church for your wedding either arranged by yourself or by someone you are employing for the purpose, please let us know. Our flower arrangers may also be able to arrange a display for you and can advise you on the costs etc for this. We are grateful when these displays can be left in the church for the week ahead.

**VERGER** - we usually employ a verger to help with the arrangements for the service on the day - the fee for this is listed in the fees table.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOS** - we want you to enjoy your wedding day and the photographs that will be taken are a helpful reminder of this special day for you. Photographs can be taken before and after the service and also during the signing of the registers.

Please let us know by the night of the rehearsal if you are planning to have a video recording made of the service as we will need to make space available for this. You might like to invite the person making the video for you to the rehearsal to help them organise their filming.

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**CAR PARKING** - there is some space for parking at the church. Please anticipate the needs of your guests who are coming by car to make sure that they can find places to park.

**TOILETS** - there are toilets at the Church that you and your guests are welcome to use.

**ENQUIRIES & CHANGES OF INFORMATION** - please contact our wedding administrator on 01904 798593 or email [office@holyredeemeryork.com](mailto:office@holyredeemeryork.com) if there are any changes in the details of your application or if you need to postpone or cancel the wedding for any reason. Do leave a message if you get the answer-phone.

You can find out more about getting married in the Church of England at <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>



## CHOOSING HYMNS AND MUSIC

Popular choices for these include:

**Music to enter by** - *popular choices for music to enter by are:*

Bridal Chorus (Lohengrin) - Wagner  
Trumpet Voluntary - Jeremiah Clarke

### **Hymns to sing during the service**

*Some popular choices for hymns are:*

Be thou my vision	Now thank we all our God
Bind us together Lord	O Jesus I have promised
Crown him with many crowns	O worship the King
Fill thou my life	Praise my soul, the king of heaven
Great is thy faithfulness	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Holy holy holy, Lord God almighty	Rejoice the Lord is King
Immortal, invisible God only wise	Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Jesus shall reign	The King of love my shepherd is
Love divine, all loves excelling	The Lord's my shepherd
Make me a channel of your peace	Thine be the glory
New every morning is the love	

**Music to leave by** - *popular choices for music to leave by are:*

Wedding March - Mendelssohn  
Trumpet Voluntary - Jeremiah Clarke

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**THE ORDER OF SERVICE** - the service usually follows the pattern suggested overleaf. We can provide a copy of the service for you and you can see a copy of this on the downloads page of our website. If you would like to produce an order of service of your own, please let us know.

# Order of Service

(Common Worship)

(music is usually played by the organist while people wait)

Entry Music

The Welcome

Hymn 1

Marriage Service

Reading(s)

Address

Hymn 2

Prayers

Closing Blessing

Hymn 3

Signing of the Registers

Exit Music

Please contact us if you need more help or information, if you find anything unclear or unhelpful in this leaflet that we can amend or correct and if you have suggestions for additional information etc to include in the next revision of the guide – you can email this to [office@holyredeemeryork.com](mailto:office@holyredeemeryork.com) . *Thank you.*

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