



# WEDDINGS

Bingley Parish Church



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We would love to welcome you to celebrate your wedding together at Bingley Parish Church, where couples have been coming to be married for the last 500 years.

This leaflet will hopefully answer some of your questions about who can be married here and the choices you have about the contents of the service and accompanying aspects such as bells, choir and flowers, and how much it all costs.



## WHERE IN THE CHURCH CAN THE SERVICE TAKE PLACE?

The service can be held in one of two places.

The majority of weddings are held in the 'Nave' (the first part of the Church as you walk through the south door) which seats up to a few hundred people.

Alternatively, for a smaller group, it is possible to use the Side Chapel for an intimate wedding service. This and the adjoining South aisle can seat a few dozen people.

If you would like to talk to us about a wedding at Bingley Parish Church, or would like to book a date for your service, then contact the Parish Office:

**Telephone: 01274 565079**

**email: [office@BingleyParish.org.uk](mailto:office@BingleyParish.org.uk)**

**or** call in at the Parish Office, located opposite the church on Old Main St. (Monday to Thursday 9am to 1.00pm).

**More information and ideas about marriage in the Church of England can be found at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)**

## WHAT CHOICES DO WE HAVE FOR THE SERVICE?

The words of the service are fixed (although you can choose between the traditional or more modern language options), however any additional readings or poems, all the music and whether you want the choir, the bells or any extra flowers are all up to you. The service can be video'd if you wish and the photographer can take photos throughout (as long as they are discreet action shots during the service itself, with specially posed photos done before and after).

## DO WE HAVE TO GET MARRIED ON A SATURDAY?

No – it can be any day of the week (including Sundays) as long as the time slot is free. It has to be between 8.00am and 6.00pm as legally we can't do evening weddings.



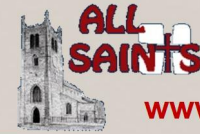


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## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The current cost in 2017 is £481

(This includes publication of banns, marriage certificate & service charge - £25 for wedding preparation - An afternoon with refreshments).

*There is likely to be a slight annual increase for future years*

Optional extras are as follows:

- Organist £75 (+£75 if the service is video'd\*)
- Verger £40
- Choir £120
- Bells £225 (ring before & after the service)
- Order of service £75

*\*It is the couples responsibility to book their own videographer*

## CAN WE GET MARRIED HERE?

As with any Parish Church in England, anyone who lives in the Parish of All Saints (Bingley Parish Church) automatically qualifies to be married here. The 'parish' does not include the whole of Bingley so if you are not sure whether you live within the parish area, you can either contact us or visit the website [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) to make sure.

**In addition, you are also eligible if either one of you...**

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least six months **or**
- was baptised ('christened') at the All Saints (Bingley Parish Church) **or**
- was confirmed at All Saints Church **or**
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services at All Saints (Bingley Parish Church) for a period of at least six months

**OR** if one of your parents, at any time after you were born...

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least six months **or**
- has regularly gone to normal church services at All Saints (Bingley Parish Church) for a period of at least six months

**OR** if one of your parents or grandparents was married at All Saints (Bingley Parish Church).

If none of these apply to you or your partner, then the remaining option is to enlist on our Electoral Roll. To do so, you can attend services of worship here regularly (i.e. at least once a month) for a period of six months or more. Times and days when services take place are advertised on the church notice board (or you can find them on our website).

## IS IT A PROBLEM IF ONE OF US IS DIVORCED OR IF ONE OF US IS A FOREIGN NATIONAL?

No – not as a rule, however if either of these applies to you then you need to contact the vicar in the first instance and let him know.

## IF WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED ELSEWHERE, COULD WE HAVE A 'BLESSING' ?

Yes, whether you would have been just married or are celebrating an anniversary from some years before.

As a service of 'Blessing' is not governed by Marriage Law, you would not have to 'qualify' by living here, or one of the categories listed.

There is no cost for the service (we invite a donation instead) and you may include any of the 'extras' as for a wedding service.