

WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S, RUSHDEN

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!
We welcome enquiries about Weddings at
Rushden St Mary's Church.

We hope to meet with couples three times in
preparation for your wedding:-

1. **An introductory session** to meet with you both, go through the necessary paperwork and look at the wedding service with you to make it as personal and special as possible.
2. **A wedding preparation session**, together with other couples, will be organised usually on a Saturday, in order for you:
 - to meet informally over refreshments with others at the same stage in their wedding preparations.
 - to go through the wedding service, looking especially at the vows you will make to one another.
 - to have an opportunity to ask and answer for yourselves the questions
What are we looking for in marriage?
What values are important to us?
Why get married in Church?
3. **A wedding rehearsal** will take place in Church, arranged to be a day or two before the wedding. This will be for both the wedding couple and as many of the wedding party as you wish, but particularly the person who will accompany the bride, the bridesmaids, and the Best Man. The rehearsal will take about an hour.

*Love
never fails.
1 Corinthians 13*

NOTES ON THE CHURCH WEDDING SERVICE

1) Order of Service *(Note: this may vary slightly)*

Entry of the Bride (with music played)
Welcome
Hymn
The Marriage Vows
A Bible reading
A Short Address
Hymn
Prayers
Blessing
Signing of the Registers (with music)
Exit of Bride & Groom (with music played)

2) Music:

Hymns

We can suggest a variety of hymns to help you to choose what you would like. (See also <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding/planning-your-ceremony/hymns-your-wedding#na>).

Organ music

Our organist is happy to discuss music with you. He/she will make suggestions and let you hear the music for entry and exit as well as the hymns – to make sure you have the right tunes. The best time to meet the organist is usually at 10:45am on a Sunday morning after the 9:30am service.

3) Bible Reading

There are a number of suitable passages from the Bible that may be read in the service (see also <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding/planning-your-ceremony/bible-readings-your-wedding#na>). If there is a friend or relative who you would like to read, they could be asked to take part in this way.

4) Flowers

It is important to check whether there will be another Wedding on the same day as yours, as there would not be time to change the flower decorations in between services. We can put you in touch with any others to make sure colour schemes don't clash and you can share costs.

Once you have made your decisions regarding flowers, please get in touch with our church administrator (below).

5) Videographers and Photographers

It is important to speak with the clergy person taking your wedding if you wish to have someone taking photographs during the service.

[St Mary's does not have a choir which sing at weddings, but if you wish to hire a choir, or provide your own music/singing group, please ensure that the Clergy Person taking your wedding and the Organist know.]

The Church is usually open

Sundays 9am – 1pm

10.30am Morning Worship

Wednesdays 9am – 12noon

Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30am:

10.30am Holy Communion

Fridays 9.30am – 11.00am

Telephone Numbers

Church Administrator:

Contact the church office 01933 412235

Email

stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com

Banns of Marriage: In order for you to be legally married in St Mary's Church, Rushden, you will need to have your **Banns of Marriage** read out in St Mary's. (see box to the right) ➔

Parking

Wedding cars may stay on the main road as long as there is a driver in attendance. Anyone who is disabled may use the small Church Car Park at the end of Park Place. Others are requested to keep this car park free for those who are disabled.

Costs 2026

	fee
Church, Legal Fees & Certificate	£625.00
Verger	£35.00
[Organ & Organist	£100.00]
[Bells	£180.00]
[Heating (Oct-Mar)	£50.00]
[Orders of Service	£38.00]

[bracketed items may be optional]

1. A **deposit of £150** is required at the time of booking. (the deposit is refundable if notice of cancellation is given at least 2 months prior to the date of the wedding).
2. The balance of fees must be paid at least **four weeks** prior to the wedding. Payments may be made by cash, cheque payable to RSMNB or, electronic transfer to our wedding account.

For Bank Details please contact the Church Office on
stmaryschurchoffice@btinternet.com

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

What are Banns of Marriage?

- **Banns** are an announcement of your intention to marry read out in your parish church(es) on 3 Sundays during the months just before your wedding. They are an ancient tradition and also a legal requirement, providing a chance for anyone to put forward a **reason** why the marriage may not lawfully take place (hopefully no one will!).
- **What do I do to make sure the banns are read out correctly?** You must complete a wedding application form both for St Mary's and for the any other parish in which either of you reside.

Therefore, if one or both of you live outside the parish of Rushden St Mary's, you will need to contact a clergy person of the parish where you live in order to have the banns read there, as well as at St Mary's. Once they have been read you should receive a certificate of banns as proof that this has been done. This should be shown to the clergy person conducting your wedding. There is a charge of **£54** for this in any other parish.

- **How do I know which is my Parish Church?**

You can find your Parish Church by looking on the website: www.yourchurchwedding.org. If you have a problem ask a clergy person.

- **Do I have to attend when the banns are read?**

It is not a legal requirement to attend when banns are read, but you are welcome to do so. The congregation may be invited to pray for you and it is quite special and moving to hear this, so do come along if you can.

There are some circumstances in which you may need a Special Licence, Common Licence or a Superintendent Registrar's Certificate to marry in church. The clergy will let you know if these apply to you.



**Weddings
at**

**St Mary's
Rushden**

For initial enquiries, please contact

**The Rector,
Rev. Tom King**

07732 805443

revtrex@icloud.com

For all sorts of information and ideas about your church wedding, we suggest you browse the Church of England website:

www.yourchurchwedding.org