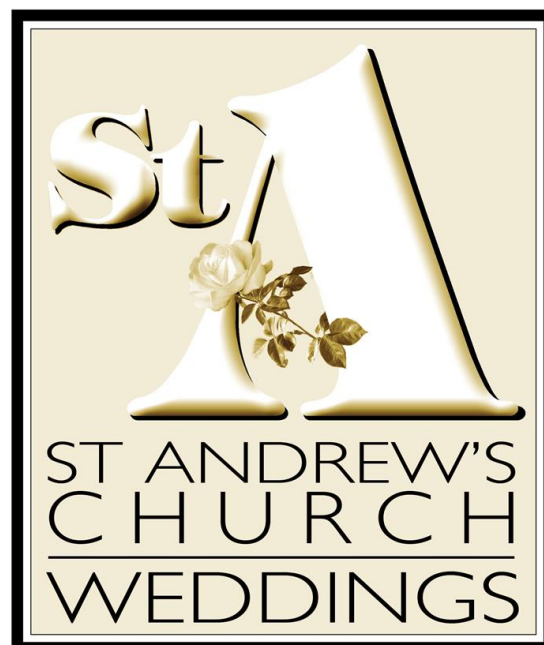


Arranging your Wedding

at

St. Andrew's Church, Cobham

A Guide for Wedding Couples



Your wedding has been arranged for:

Date	Time
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Your banns will be read on:

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Introduction

We are delighted you have chosen to be married at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Cobham. This booklet provides you with information you will need to help you prepare for your marriage. Please read it carefully and follow the advice given. If you need any further help or advice, or need to change any of the details you have given, please contact the Vicar, or the priest conducting your marriage.

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. St. John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana, and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On your wedding day, as bride and bridegroom, you will face each other, make your promises and receive God's blessing. Your family and friends are witnesses of the marriage, and express their support by their presence and their prayers. Their support does not end on your marriage day: you will value continued encouragement in the days and years ahead of them.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

Legal

If both parties live within the boundaries of this parish we will read your banns here at the 10.00 service. You may wish to come and hear the banns, though you are not under any legal obligation to do so. If one or both parties live in another parish you must contact that parish and arrange for your banns to be read. This is most important. After the banns have been read you will need to obtain a banns certificate. This certificate must be handed to the clergy of this parish before they can officiate at your wedding. This is your responsibility. If you do not live in the parish of Cobham you may be able to be married by virtue of a qualifying connection. More information can be found on the Church of England website at: <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/youre-welcome/more-churches-to-choose-from.aspx>. Application forms and advice are available from the Vicar, Mike or Kim Constable.

The Service

Our usual practice is to use the modern service from the Church of England service book, Common Worship.

Order of Service

You will need to produce an order of service which can be word processed or professionally printed. The basic order of service to follow is set out at the back of this booklet (see page 10). You should prepare a draft order of service once you have chosen your music and readings. The draft must be approved by the priest conducting your wedding before it is printed.

Readings

Each wedding service has a reading from the bible. You may want a member of your family or a friend to read, otherwise the clergy will read. If you would like to include a non-biblical reading then you may ask permission for this to be included. You must provide the clergy with a copy of any suggested

readings well in advance of the service. We list below a selection of suitable biblical readings:

Genesis 1.26-28	Ephesians 5.21-end
Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7	Philippians 4.4-9
Jeremiah 31.31-34	Colossians 3.12-17
Tobit 8.4-8	1 John 3.18-end
Romans 7.1, 2, 9-18	1 John 4.7-12
Romans 8.31-35, 37-39	Matthew 5.1-10
Romans 12.1, 2, 9-13	Matthew 7.21, 24-end
Romans 15.1-3, 5-7, 13	Mark 10.6-9, 13-16
1 Corinthians 13	John 2.1-11
Ephesians 3.14-end	John 15.1-8
Ephesians 4.1-6	John 15.9-17

Music

It is usual to have the organ played at your service. The organist will play for the bride to enter and the bride and groom to leave the church and will also play for hymns and anthems. You may wish to have the choir to sing at your wedding. You may choose either the standard choir or an enlarged 'full' choir. You will need to contact the Director of Music, to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss the music. This should be done at least three months before the wedding day. If you would like musicians personally known to you to sing or play at the service, you must discuss whether it will be possible with David Fuge. You will find some suggestions for music at the back of the booklet (see page 20).

Flowers

You will probably want flowers in the church for your wedding. St. Andrew's Church flower arrangers are able to provide one pedestal of flowers. Alternatively you may want to bring in your own florist. In either case we do ask that one pedestal of flowers from your wedding is left in the Church for the following Sunday's services. The remaining flowers should be removed

after your wedding unless we agree with you that they can be left.

It is important that we know what you are proposing with regard to flowers.

Other weddings may coincide with your day, in which case you will be given details of the other brides' names and phone numbers for you to agree over sharing of flowers.

Access for your flower arrangers to the church must be arranged through the Parish Office.

Photographs and Video

You may wish to have an official photographer take pictures of your wedding. The priest conducting the wedding will advise the photographer when photographs may be taken during the service. Only an official video recording may be made of the service; family members and friends may not video in the church though they can record your exit. An extra copyright fee is payable if you wish to record their music on video.

Confetti

Confetti should not be thrown within the church or churchyard but we have no other restrictions beyond that rule.

Bells

You may have the bells rung after your wedding service. The clergy will discuss this with you.

Fees

A table of fees for the current year is set out below. The priest conducting your wedding will advise you on the cost once your choices are confirmed. This money is paid partly to PCC of Cobham and partly by cash to people assisting at the service.

Wedding fees (January 2026)

Item	Fee	Form of Payment
Calling of Banns	£39	Single payment(online/cheque/cash of £605)
Marriage Service	£566	
Verger	£50	Cash
Organist	£175	Cash
Video Fees	£50	Cash
Choir	£250	Cash
Bells	£180	Cash
Chandelier Candles lit	£75	Cash

Notes:

1. Fees to be paid at least two weeks prior to wedding at the parish office or passed to the priest conducting the wedding.

Online Transfer Details

CAF BANK
St Andrew's Parochial Church Council Cobham
Sort Code 40-52-40
Account No 00102218

Please add 'wedding' to your reference

2. Fees are revised annually.
3. Certificate of banns, if required £20.00; (i.e. reading of banns + certificate = £59.00)

Please note that the Organist Fee is payable even if a couple bring in their own musicians and do not require our staff.

Marriage Preparation

St. Andrew's Church invites all couples to be married at the church to a Marriage Preparation Day, which will take place from approximately 10.00 to 16.00 on a Saturday. At the beginning of the year in which you are to be married you will receive an invitation to a preparation day and we warmly encourage you to come. After attending the preparation day you will need to make an appointment with the priest conducting your marriage to discuss your service and confirm arrangements for the rehearsal.

Sample text for your Order of Service – you will need to fill in all the sections indicated in square brackets – the layout and appearance is entirely your choice.

St. Andrew's Church
Cobham

The Marriage of
[Man's name]
and
[Woman's name]

Date
Time

The entrance of the bride
[Title and composer of music to be played]

**THE WELCOME
and opening prayers**

HYMN
[printed in full no need to put the number of the hymn]

THE DECLARATIONS

Will you, the families and friends of *N* and *N*,
support and uphold them in their marriage,
now and in the years to come?

All **We will.**

READING(S)

[print bible reference and name of person reading]

[ADDRESS]

[include if the priest is to give an address and give name of priest]

THE MARRIAGE

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

During the signing of the Marriage Document the Choir will sing [music/anthem to be played/sung with title and composer]

HYMN

[printed in full no need to put the number of the hymn]

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

[printed in full no need to put the number of the hymn]

THE BLESSING

Recessional Music
[title and composer]

Please return the completed form to the Director of Music

Wedding Music

Name of couple:.....

Date of wedding:

Time:

Soloist: Yes / No

Special requests for before the service (*if none a selection of music will be played*):

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Bride's Entrance:

Hymns: 1).....

 2)

 3)

Anthem (optional):.....

During the signing of the Register:

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Recessional:

Any other information or requests:

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Wedding Music notes from David Fuge - Music Ministry Leader (April 2022)

The musicians at St. Andrew's can perform many different styles of music, as you will have seen at Sunday morning services. They would be very happy to play or sing for your wedding and we would encourage you to use them rather than have pre-recorded music as the "house style" creates an atmosphere unique to your wedding.

Please do come and discuss your thoughts about your music with me after a service on a Sunday morning, or email me with your ideas just so that there are no last minute surprises!

Having done that, please confirm your final choices by email to davidf@sac.church at least **two months** before your wedding so that I have everything in writing and on file and can ensure that everything runs smoothly.

The Choir can be available for Saturday weddings, if requested, and the cost is £250. They will lead the hymns/songs and can also sing an anthem/song, usually during the signing of the Marriage Schedule.

If your wedding is on a weekday, I'm afraid that the Choir isn't available as many work or are at school. However, it is sometimes possible to gather together a smaller group of singers or you may wish to find a choir from outside the church. You might also consider a soloist to lead the singing and to sing during the signing of the Marriage Schedule. Please speak to me and I can help you to arrange that.

The Organist/Director of Music fee is £150 for weddings. If the wedding is videoed there is also an extra £50 fee to cover copyright and performance royalties.

Entrance and exit music is played on the organ or piano, and below is a list of possible choices. You can listen to most of them on YouTube.

If there is anything that you particularly want which is of special significance to you, either as entrance or exit music, or to be played as guests arrive, please discuss it with me and I'll see whether we can make it work!

Suggested music for the entrance of the Bride:

Bridal March from "Lohengrin" - Wagner
Trumpet Voluntary (The Prince of Denmark's March) – Clarke
Trumpet Tune - Purcell
Air from the "Water Music" – Handel
Hornpipe from the "Water Music" – Handel
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" – Handel
Minuet from the "Water Music" – Handel
Overture from "Music for the Royal Fireworks" – Handel
Finale from "Music for the Royal Fireworks" – Handel
March from Symphony No. 3 - Saint-Saens
Grand March from "Aida" – Verdi
Wedding March from the "Marriage of Figaro" – Mozart
Trumpet Voluntary - Stanley
Choral Song – Wesley
Prelude to a "Te Deum" – Charpentier
March on a theme by Handel (Final section) – Guilmant
Rondeau from "Abdelazer" – Purcell
Grand Choeur Dialogué – Gigout
Promenade from Pictures at an Exhibition – Mussorgsky
Canon – Pachelbel

Suggested Music for the Recessional:

Wedding March from "Midsummer Night's Dream" – Mendelssohn
Toccata from Vth Organ Symphony - Widor
Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke
Trumpet Tune – Purcell
Hornpipe from the "Water Music" – Handel
Overture from "Music for the Royal Fireworks" – Handel

Finale from “Music for the Royal Fireworks” – Handel
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – Handel
Grand March from “Aida” – Verdi
Marche Triomphale – Karg Elert
Wedding March – Suttle
Prelude to a Te Deum – Charpentier
Crown Imperial – Walton
March on a theme by Handel – Guilmant
Toccata – Dubois
Grand Choeur – Guilmant
Sortie – Lefébure–Wély
Processional – Sumsion
Grand Choeur Dialogué – Gigout
Promenade from Pictures at an exhibition – Mussorgsky

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Wedding March from “Midsummer Night’s Dream” – Mendelssohn
Toccata from Vth Organ Symphony - Widor
Trumpet Voluntary – Clarke
Trumpet Tune – Purcell
Hornpipe from the “Water Music” – Handel
Overture from “Music for the Royal Fireworks” – Handel
Finale from “Music for the Royal Fireworks” – Handel
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba – Handel
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Grand Choeur Dialogué – Gigout
Promenade from Pictures at an exhibition – Mussorgsky
Extract from “Polotsvian Dances” – Borodin (aka Stranger in paradise)

Where'er you walk – Handel

Some suggestions for music to be sung by the Choir:

Jesu, joy of man's desiring – Bach

Psalm 23 (The Vicar of Dibley) – Goodall

For the beauty of the earth – Rutter

Lead me, Lord – Wesley

All things bright and beautiful – Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you – Rutter

A Gaelic Blessing – Rutter

All things bright and beautiful – Rutter

Irish Blessing – Chilcott

I was glad – Parry (requires extra singers)

O thou, the central orb – Wood

Greater love – Ireland

Let all the world in every corner sing – Vaughan Williams

Laudate dominum – Mozart (requires soprano soloist)

Panis angelicus – Franck

Zadok the Priest – Handel (requires extra singers)

Ubi caritas – Duruflé

Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" – Handel

God be in my head – Walford Davies or Rutter

Rejoice in the Lord always – Purcell

Blessed be the God and Father – Wesley

If there is anything you want try asking! If we don't have the music though, it is easier for us if you can get hold of it, but do please speak to us first.

Suggested Hymns (You will usually need to choose three):

All creatures of our God and King

Amazing grace (can be done as blues version with piano)

At the name of Jesus

Be thou my vision

Crimond (The Lord's my Shepherd)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Father, hear the prayer we offer

Fill thou my life

Give me joy in my heart

Glorious things of thee are spoken
Great is thy faithfulness
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Immortal, invisible
I vow to thee my country
Jerusalem
Lead us, heavenly Father
Let all the world in every corner
Lord of all hopefulness
Lord, the light of your love (Shine Jesus, shine)
Love divine (choice of two tunes)
Love changes everything (piano accompaniment)
Make me a channel of your peace
Now thank we all our God
O Jesus, I have promised
O Lord my God (How great thou art)
O perfect love
O praise ye the Lord
O worship the King
Praise my soul
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of love
There is a Redeemer
Thine be the glory
To God be the glory
We pledge to one another

Please email me with your hymn choices and I will send you the version of the words that we use at St. Andrew's.

Please do not take hymn words from the internet as they are not always correct.

Check list

Met with Assistant for Marriages or Vicar and booked wedding

To be done once wedding booked

Arranged for banns to be read at home parish (if required)

Chosen readings and readers

Decided on bells, choir and video and informed Vicar

Arranged music with Director of Music and sent off music form

Booked in on Marriage Preparation day

Have been advised by Vicar which priest is officiating

To be done three months prior to wedding

Booked preparation meeting with priest officiating

Booked date for wedding rehearsal with priest

Draft order of service approved by priest

To be done at least two weeks before wedding

Obtained banns certificate from home parish and sent to priest (if reqd.)

Paid wedding fees to priest or parish office