

Benefice of Martock, Kingsbury Episcopi and Ash



Booking a Wedding / Requesting Banns to be Read* in All Saints' Martock, Holy Trinity, Ash or St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi

Look first at the Church of England website <http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/weddings> for ideas, rules and guidance, then please contact the Benefice Office on 01935 826113 or email benefice.martock@gmail.com . The office is open on Wednesday 10am to 4pm, Thursday 2.30pm to 6.30pm and Friday 10am to 2pm.

Qualifying Connection : There are established rules determining who is entitled to get married in any parish church. If however you have no qualifying connection but still would like to get married in one of our parish churches, you must attend the relevant church on a regular basis sufficient to enable membership on the electoral roll.

Identity & Residency : Before a wedding date can be confirmed, it is a legal requirement for your identity and residency to be checked. Depending on individual situations either the Benefice Administrator can complete the initial checks or an appointment can be made with the Area Dean. You will each need to provide in person passports or birth certificates and a household bill plus any other relevant paperwork.

Banns : Most couples get married by banns and only occasionally by Common Licence. Banns need to be read in the local parish church(es) and in the parish church hosting the wedding ceremony. Banns are usually read in our parish churches on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays two months prior to a wedding during the main Sunday service. *If you are getting married elsewhere and need your banns read in one of our parish churches, please contact the Benefice Office. There is a set charge for this provision.

Fees : The Statutory Fees are revised by the Church of England each year and a new table together with additional fees (eg organist, bells, heating) is produced in January. Wedding invoices are due at least 2 weeks before a wedding.

Wedding Preparation Morning : 9.30am to 1pm

Each year, we hold a wedding preparation day in All Saints' church, Martock for all wedding services in the benefice. It is important that you attend. It is a great opportunity to reflect on what it means to get married, think about what you might like to include as part of your wedding service and to chat to others who are getting married.

For all other information or to book a date, please contact The Benefice Office on 01935 826113 or email: benefice.martock@gmail.com or visit The Vicarage, 10 Water Street, Martock TA12 6JL on Wednesdays 10am to 4pm, Thursdays 2.30pm to 6.30pm or Fridays 10am to 2pm.

