

## **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, STAPLEGROVE**

Some notes to help you with your wedding arrangements

### **How do we know if we are able to be married in St. John's?**

You can marry in a C of E church if you can show:-

That one of you:

has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or

- was baptised in the parish concerned or
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish or
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months or

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

And did you know that if you move house; you're immediately connected to the church there? That means you can marry in the church of your new parish.

In all cases involving church services - i.e. going to normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage - this applies only to Church of England services. Even if you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, we want to help you explore whether it may still be possible for you to marry in St. John's Church.

### **A COUPLE MAY BE MARRIED AFTER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:-**

- MARRIAGE AFTER BANNS** Banns must be called in the Parish Church at which the wedding will take place. Banns must be called on three consecutive Sundays within three months of the date of the wedding. It is most important that arrangements for the Calling of the Banns be made in good time. A Certificate of Banns will be issued by the Incumbents of other Churches concerned and these Certificates must be handed to the Rector before the wedding. Without the necessary Banns Certificate a Priest is not permitted, by law, to perform the Marriage.
- MARRIAGE BY SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE** This is a certificate which can be obtained from the Registrar and which does away with the necessity of calling Banns, though the same qualifications are needed as for Banns.

**PRINTED SERVICE SHEETS** Before any printing is ordered you must first check details with the Priest officiating at the Service. ***(When Choir is requested please allow for an additional 15 copies of the Order Of Service.)***

**MUSIC** It is usual to have three hymns at weddings. The choice of these items must be made with the Priest leading the Service. Arrangements for special Voluntaries etc. must be made with the Organist - Mrs. Lesley Clark (Telephone 01823 282239).

**FLOWERS** Please contact Mrs. Janet Darby (Telephone 01823 271457) concerning your arrangements for flowers in the Church for your wedding.

**PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS** These matters must be discussed in detail with the Priest leading the Service before any arrangements are made. There is an additional cost when an audio recording is made or a video recording is made.

**USHERS** It is advisable to provide at least two Ushers for the Service

**FEES FOR WEDDINGS AT ST JOHN'S, STAPLEGROVE 2020**

Wedding with use of Organ.....	£705
Service.....	£463
Banns.....	£31
Certificate of Marriage .....	£11
Organ/Organist .....	£65
Verger.....	£50
Church Utilities.....	£85
	<b><u>TOTAL.....£705</u></b>

Choir..... £90

Bells..... £110 After Service - £145 Before & After Service

Audio Recording..... £50

Video Recording..... £75

**We are very pleased that you would like to marry in our Church. However, at present we do not have a Rector at either St John's or All Saints which means that in the first instance you should contact the Archdeacon of Taunton. He will be able to advise you on what you need to do to enable you to marry at our Church.**

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