

Wedding Brochure



All Saints Church, Kesgrave

Congratulations & Welcome to All Saints Church, Kesgrave (ASK)

We are thrilled to be included in your wedding plans and pray you have a long and joyful marriage.

This brochure is designed to help you create your wedding service.

Combined with the many suggestions, your own thoughts and the guidance of the team here at ASK, we will organise a bespoke service which you will always remember.



The ASK Wedding Team

We currently have three ministers, who conduct weddings at All Saints:

Canon Andrew Dotchin, Rev. Christine Nunn and Rev. Gary Jones.

Natalie Lawrence our administrator will meet with you, co-ordinate your plans and liaise with the rest of the staff. She will arrange your ASK banns and write up the registers and certificate.

Maggie Thomas is responsible for collecting the fees and also organises the church flowers

Alice Rice is our musical director,
Alice is an accomplished organists &
Pianist

On the wedding day there will also be a verger, who opens and prepares the church, and a bell ringer should you wish.

Your Wedding Details

Date and Time of Wedding

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Name of Officiating Minister

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Dates of Banns at ASK

1st

2nd

3rd

Dates of Banns at other Parish (if applicable)

1st

2nd

3rd

Date and Time of Wedding Rehearsal

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Wedding Banns

The banns are a verbal notice in church of your intention to marry. It is a chance for anyone to put forward a reason that the marriage may not lawfully take place. Banns are an ancient legal tradition and a special public occasion, so you may wish to invite family and friends along for this exciting announcement.

Your wedding banns will usually be read at ASK on the first three Sundays of the month before your wedding.
Natalie will arrange these.

If one or both of you live in another parish, your banns must also be read in that parish church.

It is your responsibility to arrange this.
(Check www.achurchnearyou.com for local church)
Afterwards you will be issued with a certificate, which confirms the banns have been read and no objections were raised. You will need to give this certificate to the minister who will be marrying you.



Order of Service

Although it is not essential, you may find a printed order of service helpful. Many couples do these themselves to reduce costs or you could employ someone to complete for you.

Below is a suggested version. Natalie will be happy to have it checked before printing.

- ✧ Personal details on the front cover
- ✧ Title and composer for bride entrance music
- ✧ Words to hymn (optional hymn)
- ✧ ‘The Marriage Ceremony’
- ✧ Words to hymn
- ✧ Unity Candle (optional)
- ✧ Title of reading(s)
- ✧ ‘Prayers’ followed by words of The Lord’s Prayer (traditional version, Natalie can issue you a copy)
- ✧ Words to hymn
- ✧ ‘The Signing of the Registers’ and title and composer for music
- ✧ Title and composer for exit music

Introduction to Music and Hymns

The next four pages are suggestions for the musical parts of your service.

Obviously, we have a traditional church organ and a talented organist, but we can also play any piece of music through the church's sound system.

You may have a favourite piece of music or song that you would like played during the Brides entrance, signing of the registers or when you leave together as a married couple.

Alternatively, you may have a musician or vocalist that you would like to be part of your wedding service and there is an electric piano available, which could be used to accompany them.

Discuss with Natalie as to how to arrange any of these ideas.

Music for Entrance of the Bride

- ✧ *Bridal March*, Richard Wagner
- ✧ *Trumpet Voluntary*, Jeremiah Clarke
- ✧ *Trumpet Tune*, J. Stanley
- ✧ *Trumpet Tune*, Purcell
- ✧ *Prelude to Te deum*, Marc-Antoine Charpentier
- ✧ *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, Handel
- ✧ *Trumpet Voluntary in D*, William Boyce

Signing of the Registers

- ✧ *Air from Water Music (suite No.1)*, Handel
- ✧ *Canon in D*, Pachelbel
- ✧ *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*, Bach
- ✧ *Ave Maria*, Schubert
- ✧ *Sheep may safely graze*, Bach

Signing of the Registers cont...

- ✧ *St Anthony Chorale*, Haydn
- ✧ *Largo in G*, Handel
- ✧ *Minuet from Berenice*, Handel

Exit of the Bride and Groom

- ✧ *Wedding March from Midsummer Nights dream*, Mendelssohn
- ✧ *Toccatà in D minor*, Bach
- ✧ *Hornpipe: Water Music*, Handel
- ✧ *Crown Imperial*, William Walton
- ✧ *Marche Triomphale on Now thank we all our God*, Sigfrid Larg Elert
- ✧ *Imperial March*, Elgar
- ✧ *Toccatà from Symphonies Pour Orgue*, Charles-Marie Widor
- ✧ *Finale : Water Music*, Handel

Hymns

- ✧ All things bright and beautiful
- ✧ Amazing grace
- ✧ Be still, for the presence of the Lord
- ✧ Be thou my vision
- ✧ Bind us together
- ✧ Come down, O Love divine
- ✧ Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- ✧ Give me joy in my heart, keep me
praising
- ✧ God is love, let heaven adore Him
- ✧ God of mercy, God of grace
- ✧ Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost
- ✧ Great is thy faithfulness
- ✧ Happy are they, they that love God
- ✧ I will sing the wondrous story
- ✧ Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- ✧ In heavenly love abiding
- ✧ Jerusalem
- ✧ Just as I am
- ✧ King of glory, King of peace
- ✧ Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
- ✧ Let there be love shared among us
- ✧ Lord, for the years
- ✧ Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

- ✧ Lord of all hopefulness
- ✧ Lord of the dance
- ✧ Love divine, all loves excelling
- ✧ Make me a channel of your peace
- ✧ Now thank we all our God
- ✧ O Jesus I have promised
- ✧ O perfect love
- ✧ O praise ye the Lord
- ✧ O worship the King all glorious above
- ✧ Praise my soul, the King of heaven
- ✧ Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him
- ✧ Praise to the holiest in the height
- ✧ Take my life, and let it be
- ✧ Tell out my soul, the greatness of the
Lord
- ✧ The King of love my shepherd is
- ✧ The Lord's my shepherd
- ✧ Through all the changing scenes of life
- ✧ To God be the glory



Flowers

There are 3 options regarding flowers here at ASK.

Some couples prefer to have their own florist provide arrangements for the church. The florist normally brings the arrangements into church at a mutually convenient time and uses the pedestals we have in the church.

It is usual for the couple to leave the flowers in church, or if there are several arrangements, you may decide to take some to the reception.

They are, of course, your flowers, but it is always lovely if you decide to leave one arrangement in church to be enjoyed at our services.

You may wish that we organise your church flower arrangements.

A gifted member of our church arranges 2 pedestal displays, one for either side of the altar, a small arrangement for the font and another 2 for the altar table.

They are in the colour scheme of your choice and the cost is £120, which covers the cost of the flowers and materials. The arrangements remain in church after the wedding.

Lastly you may decide not to have any special flowers for your wedding, there will normally be arrangements in church, but they may not be in your 'Wedding colour scheme'.

The only time of year that this option is not available is during Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter.

During this time, you can still have flowers provided by your own florist or by the church arranger for £120.



Unity Candle

This lovely illustration involves the bride and groom each lighting a taper from the altar candles and then together lighting a single 'unity' candle.

This is to symbolise two becoming one.



At the end of the service, you will be given the candle to take away with you.

This optional and there is no extra charge for the candle.

Fees

About six weeks before your wedding, Maggie will write to you about the wedding fees.

These are set out below and are the figures for 2026** set by the Church of England:

Wedding Service - £566
Banns of Marriage at ASK - £39

The following fees are set by ASK:

Verger only fee* - £30
Verger & Multimedia Fee* - £60
Heating *(October - April) - £45
Use of the Organ (Optional) - £105
Church Flowers (Optional) - £120
Church Bell (Optional) - £10

*Although these are optional, they are essential for the smooth running of your day.

**These are subject to increase 01.01.27

Readings

The next few pages contain a selection of Bible verses and non-biblical readings for your wedding service.

These are just suggestions and you are welcome to choose something else instead.

You can have as many readings as you like but we ask that one of your chosen readings is from the Bible.

The verses can be read during the service either by the minister or by one of your guests, it is entirely up to you.



Biblical Readings

Genesis ch1 v26-28

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'
27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
28 God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

Ephesians 5.21-end

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.
22 Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. 24 Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, 27 so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.
28 In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'
32 This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. 33 Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John ch15 v9-17

9As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end 9For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Psalms 121

1I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? 2My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. 3He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. 6The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

7The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Psalm 127

1Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. 2It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. 3Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

4Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. 5Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Mark ch10 v6-9,13-16

Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." 7"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' 13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Song of Solomon ch8 v6-7

6Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

7Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

Matthew ch5 v1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

1 John 4.7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is

love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God

sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we loved God but

that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning

sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so

much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has

ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.



Non-Biblical Readings

From a Victorian Guide to Love

Don't ever both be angry at the same time. Never let the cares of the world assume such importance that they cause you to neglect each other. Be genuinely sympathetic with each other's trials and tribulations. Never make a remark calculated to bring ridicule upon the other. Make any criticism in the most loving and gentle way possible. Don't be cross with an error, which was done with a good motive and the best judgement at the time. Don't boast about the sacrifices you make for each other. When you part, make time for a loving good-bye.

From "Gift From The Sea"

When you love someone you do not love them all the time in exactly the same way, from moment to moment, it is an impossibility. It is even a lie to pretend to. And yet this is exactly what most of us demand. We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships. We leap at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb. We are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanency, on duration, of continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity – in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern.

The only real security is not in owning or possessing, not in demanding or expecting, not in hoping, even. Security in a relationship lies neither in looking back to what was in nostalgia, not forward to what it might be in dread or anticipation, but living in the present relationship and accepting it as it is now. Relationships must be like islands, one must accept them for what they are here and now, within their limits – islands surrounded and interrupted by the sea, and continually visited and abandoned by the tides.

Anne Morrow Lindberg

This is Why I Love You

For the kindness in your eyes, and the warmth of your voice; For the honesty of your words, and the silence in your smile; For the ways in which we're similar and those in which we're worlds apart, I love you for the openness of your understanding, And the acceptance of your heart; For the tenderness of your touch;
For your sense of humour, and your seriousness of purpose; For a thousand small reasons, and most important of all - Simply because you are you.

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We're So Lucky To Have Found Each Other

Once in a lifetime, you find someone who touches not only your heart but also your soul.

Once in a lifetime you discover someone who stands beside you, not over you.

You find someone who loves you for who you are, and not for who you could be.

Once in a lifetime you find someone..... and you have found each other.

Nanci Brilliant

Love is Giving

Love is giving, not taking, mending, not breaking,
Trusting, believing, never deceiving,
Patiently bearing, and faithfully sharing
Each day, every sorrow, today and tomorrow.
Love is kind, understanding but never demanding.
Love is constant, prevailing, its strength never failing.
A promise once spoken
For all time unbroken
Love's time is forever.

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