

GETTING
MARRIED
IN
HAM HILL
VILLAGES
BENEFICE



FIRSTLY CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT AND
IMPENDING MARRIAGE

So you are thinking of getting married
in one of our churches in Ham Hill
Villages Benefice.

We have seven beautiful churches in
which we conduct weddings. In this
pamphlet, we hope you will find useful
information to help you in planning
your big day.

The first thing you need to do is agree
a date, time, and church and let us know.
A member of the clergy will then contact
you who will discuss with you your
qualifying connection with the church
in which you wish to marry and to arrange
a time to meet to discuss the arrangements.



A TIME LINE

The Initial Enquiry

Where, and when?

Meet with a member of our clergy

During this meeting you will complete your application forms and discuss your qualifying connection to the Church you have chosen.

Decide on your order of service

You can discuss this with the member of Clergy when you meet with them, but it doesn't need to be finalized until nearer the wedding date.

Your Wedding Banns

These are legal requirements

Wedding banns are the public announcement of your intention to marry. They have to be read in the church in which you are going to be married, on 3 Sundays within the 3 months leading up to your wedding day.

We aim to do this on the 3 consecutive Sundays before your wedding.

If you do not live in the parish in which you are getting married, it is legally required to have your wedding banns also read in the parish in which you live. You will need to contact your local church yourself and then provide a certificate of the reading of the banns.

The church will charge for this certificate.

The Rehearsal

This usually takes place after 6pm on the eve of your Wedding . This is a great opportunity for you and anyone else who has a participating role to practice the wedding choreography.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

A suggested order of service would be:

- ~ Entrance of the bride, to music. Your choice
 - ~ Welcome
 - ~ Hymn
 - ~ The Marriage
- ~ Signing of the Registers, to music
 - ~ Reading
 - ~ Address
 - ~ Hymn
- ~ Prayers and Lord's prayer
 - ~ Blessing
- ~ Recession to music
- ~ Additional hymns, music and readings can be added



FEES

There are a variety of fees.

Please see the website below for church fees.

There are separate fees for an organist,
for bells and for a vergier.

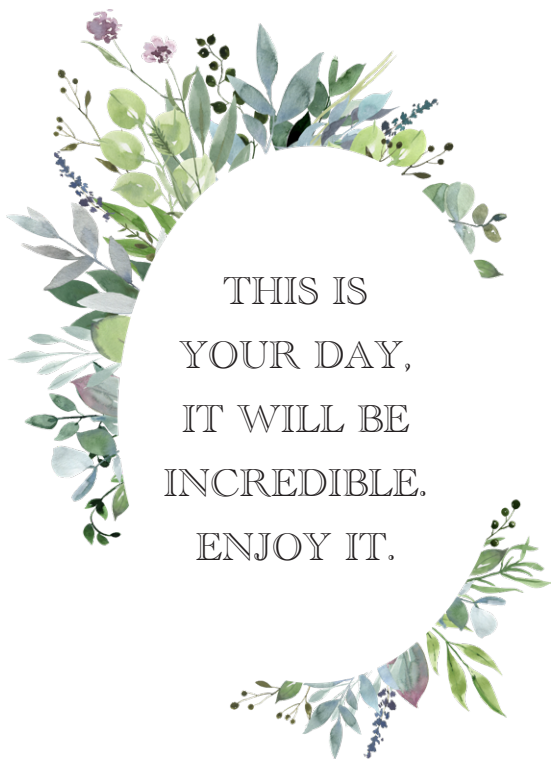
The church fee is payable three months
before the service, the other fees are usually
paid at the rehearsal.

Contact us:
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A website you will find useful for
hymns, readings, fees and general help:

www.churchofengland.org





THIS IS
YOUR DAY,
IT WILL BE
INCREDIBLE.
ENJOY IT.