

GETTING MARRIED

WELCOME TO ST THOMAS WITH ST MAURICE
YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN THE GROVES

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We want to help you as much as we can to make your wedding day as special as possible.

The Church of England says:

Congratulations! You're welcome to marry in church whatever your beliefs, whether or not you are baptised and whether or not you go to church. And, marrying in church has never been easier thanks to a change in the law which means you now have more churches to choose from. For such a special day, we offer a special place.

All you need to help you plan a personal, meaningful, spiritual and beautiful church wedding can be found on our new web site: www.yourchurchwedding.org

What will it cost?

The total cost (2011) is £461

This covers:

Publication of banns
Certificate of banns
Marriage service
Marriage certificate
Organist and verger
Statutory fees payable to the diocese and the PCC
Non statutory fees which cover the ongoing cost of offering marriage preparation and services at St Thomas'.

It does not cover:

Flowers
Printed order of service
Choir or other music group (it would be your responsibility to organise and pay for them separately.)
The total is payable to St Thomas PCC 2 weeks before the wedding.

Preparation at St Thomas'

- We will need three meetings to prepare for the wedding and also a short rehearsal in the church. This usually takes place the evening before the wedding.
- If you would value it we can offer further marriage preparation which helps you to think about how to enrich your relationship.

I'm divorced. Can I still get married in church?

The Church of England says:

There may be a way forward for you to be married again in church. The Church of England agreed in 2002 that divorced people could remarry in church under certain circumstances. We believe that marriage is for life, but also recognise that sadly, some marriages do fail.

Speak to your Vicar about your situation. He or she will want to talk to you frankly about your past and your hopes for the future and will let you know whether they can remarry you. Even if it is not possible to do your wedding, they may offer you a service of prayer and dedication after a civil ceremony.

A helpful resource, Marriage in church after divorce, is available on the Church of England web site.

Marrying in a church away from where either partner lives

This website explains how you can qualify:

<http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/youre-welcome/more-churches-to-choose-from.aspx>