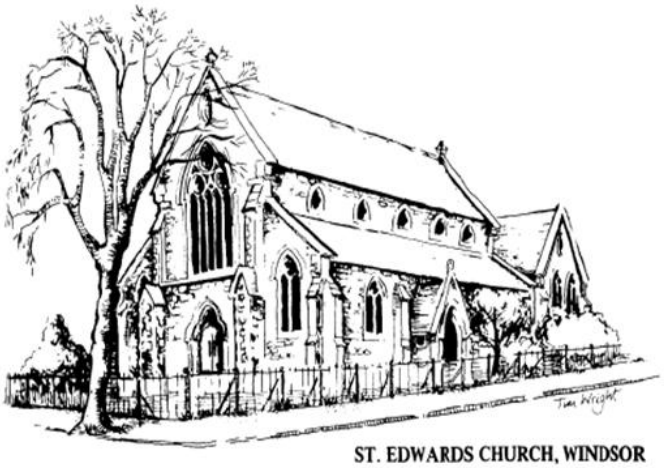

ST. EDWARDS CHURCH, WINDSOR

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, ASCOT

INFORMATION FOR MARRIAGES – 2025

Christ The King

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CIVIL REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Marriage must be given personally to the Registrar of Marriage, in the Marriage Registration District, in which you live, and this can be done within the 12 months period prior to the date of marriage.

No marriage can take place in the Catholic Church without a Registrar's Certificate / licence. This certificate/licence must be collected from the Office of the Registrar where notice of marriage was given and passed to the Priest prior to the date of wedding.

NB You are advised to take copies of your birth certificates when giving notice of your intention to marry. If you are under 23 years, your birth certificate must be produced.

CHURCH REQUIREMENTS

1. Church Law obliges the priest to see that couples entering marriage receive due preparation.

2. The Catholic party must produce an up-to-date Baptismal Certificate, which should be obtained from the church in which you were baptised. ***If you were baptised outside the UK please supply the full postal and email address of the church where you were baptised, as we need this information to contact the church and for our records.***

3. If you do not live in the parish of Windsor or Ascot permissions must be obtained by your local parish priest. It is that parish that Normally prepares the paperwork.

4. Catholics who marry someone who is not a Catholic undertake to continue living their own faith and to do all in their power to have the children of the marriage baptised and brought up in the Catholic faith.

5. The Bishop requests that as a norm, couples should give one year's notice for a wedding.

   The Catholic should have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have been to Confession before the marriage takes place.

6. A rehearsal may be held a few days before the wedding.

7. Readings, Hymns and Music for the wedding must be agreed with the Priest.

8. Confetti is strictly forbidden in the Church grounds.

9. **Ushers:** It will help you to have two people detailed for this duty. They should arrive at the Church in good time to see to the opening and closing of doors, see guests have Service Books, and let the Priest and Organist know of the Bride's arrival.

10. There are normally flowers in the church. However, if you wish to have something special or more elaborate – then please make your arrangements with a florist. If flowers are being brought into the Church and then being taken to the place of reception, then you are asked to leave a small arrangement in front of the altar.

    Please contact St Edward's, and they will put you in touch Margaret Vickers (via the Parish Office), who arranges the flowers. For St Francis, please contact florist of your choice.

11. **Car Parking:** Please note that from Monday- Friday (Windsor) there are only a very limited number of parking spaces available directly behind the Church. The larger car park is for permit holders only and cannot be used during the week. You will need to inform your guests to find alternative parking.

MUSIC

Every marriage is a two-fold celebration, the church ceremony and the reception that follows. One is religious the other is secular, so the music in each part should conform to the occasion. The Catholic Church requires that the music during the church ceremony both express the faith of the church and be appropriate to the celebration. There are many fine secular songs and pieces of music which are excellent for the reception but are not suited for use in church.

Some couples request taped music, but the playing of pre-recorded music in the church would be breaking the law and could result in a substantial fine if detected. The only music permitted during acts of worship in the church is live music.

If you are providing your own service sheets, you should be aware that the church has a licence regarding copyright for re-printing of words, and the number should be printed in the small print at the end of the order of service.

The Copyright licence numbers are:

CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International Ltd) :- 603475

Calamus: - 0478

We can offer the following resources:-

1. Parish Organist

2. Cantor or Soloist

3. Parish Choir

The organist would be more than happy to meet with you. (Please contact the Parish Office for their details). If you would like a specific piece of music, then please contact the organist in good time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MUSIC

Any entrance or exit music which is not on these lists, must be discussed with the organist.

Entrance of the Bride

- *Wedding March* from *Lohengrin* (popularly known as *Here Comes the Bride*) by Richard Wagner.
- *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* by George Frederick Handel
- *Trumpet Voluntary* by Jeremiah Clarke
- *Grand March* from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi
- *Trumpet Voluntary* by John Stanley
- *Trumpet Tune* by Henry Purcell
- *Hornpipe* from the *Water Music* by George Frederick Handel
- *The Rejoicing* from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* by George Frederick *Handel*
- *Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel

Signing of the Register

- *The Lord is My Shepherd* by Howard Goodall (the theme music to the *Vicar of Dibley)*
- *Jesu joy of man's desiring* by Johann Sebastian Bach
- *Ave Maria* by Franz Schubert

Hymns / Songs

- *All creatures of our God and King (694)*
- *All people that on earth do dwell (466)*
- *Amazing grace (846)*
- *At the name of Jesus (762)*
- *Bind us together (922)*
- *Dear Lord and Father of mankind (934)*
- *Father hear the prayer we offer (934)*
- *For the beauty of the earth (726)*
- *Give me joy in my heart (722)*
- Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (960)
- How great thou art (721)
- Immortal, invisible, God only wise (725)
- Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us (315)
- Lord of all hopefulness (970)
- Lord of the dance (765)
- Love divine, all loves excelling (801)
- Morning has broken (671)

- O blessed are those (58)
- O Jesus, I have promised (875)
- O worship the King (683)
- Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven (807)
- Praise to the Lord the almighty (706)
- The King of love my shepherd Is (804)
- The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want (806)
- To God be the glory, great things He hath done (719)

The numbers in brackets refer to the number in the hymnbook we use in the Church.

Exit of the Bride & Groom

- *Wedding March* from *A Midsummers Night's Dream* by Felix Mendelssohn
- *Trumpet Voluntary* by Jeremiah Clarke
- *The Rejoicing* (La Réjouissance) from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* by George Frederick Handel
- *Hornpipe* from the *Water Music* by George Frederick Handel
- *Grand March* from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi
- *Danket alle Gott* (Now thank we all our God) by Siegfried Karg-Elert

This is by no means a fully comprehensive list. There are other hymns and songs that are suitable for your wedding.

If you have access to the internet we would strongly recommend you search for and listen to some of these suggestions.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEDDING SERVICE

Note: You may choose one reading from each section or one reading from the Old Testament and a Gospel reading, or one reading from the New Testament and a Gospel reading.

A. Old Testament Readings

i)	*Genesis 1: 26-28, 31*	Male and female He created them.
ii)	*Genesis 2: 18-24*	*They became one body*
iii)	*Genesis 24: 48-51, 58-67*	*Isaac loved Rebekah, and so was consoled for the loss of his mother.*
iv)	*Tobit 7: 14-16*	*The Lord grant you His grace and peace.*
v)	*Tobit 8: 4-8*	Bring us to old age together.
vi)	*Song of Songs 2: 8-10, 14, 16, 8:*	Love is strong as death.
vii)	*Ecclesiasticus 26: 1-4 : 13-16*	*Like the sun rising is the beauty of a good wife in a well kept house*
viii)	*Jeremiah 31: 31-3*	*I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah.*

B. New Testament Readings

i)	*Romans 8: 31-35, 37-37*	*Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ*
ii)	*Romans 12: 1-2, 8-18*	*Offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God*
iii)	*I Corinthians 6: 13-15,*	*Your body is the temple of The Holy Spirit*
iv)	*I Corinthians 12: 31, 13: 8*	*If I am without love, it will do me no good whatever*
v)	*Ephesians 5: 2, 21-33 T*	*This mystery has many implications, but I am saying it applies to Christ and to the Church*
vi)	*Colossians 3: 12-17*	*Over all these ... put on love*
vii)	*I Peter 3: 1-9*	*You should all agree among yourselves and be sympathetic: love the brothers*
viii)	*I John 3: 18-24*	*Our love is to something real and active*
ix)	*1 John 4: 7-12*	*God is love*

C. Gospel Readings

i)	*Matthew 5:1-12*	*Rejoice and be glad for our reward will be great in heaven*
ii)	*Matthew 5:13-16*	*You are the light of the world*
iii)	*Matthew 7:21, 24-29*	*He built His house on rock*
iv)	*Matthew 19: 3-6*	*What God united, man must not divide*
v)	*Matthew 22: 35-40*	*This is 1st and greatest commandment. The second resembles it*
vi)	*Mark 10: 6-9*	*They are no longer two, but one body*
vii)	*John 2:1-11*	*This was the first of the signs given by Jesus at Cana in Galilee*
viii)	*John 15: 9-12*	*Remain in my love*
ix)	*John 15: 12-16*	*What I command you is to love one another*
x)	*John 17: 20-26*	*May they be completely one*

The Priest will be happy to assist in your choice of readings

YOUR NOTES

Useful telephone numbers:-

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Stephen Patterson 01753 865163 spatterson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Flowers (Windsor) 01753 865163 office@catholicwindsor.org
Margaret Vickers

Flowers (Ascot) Please contact florist of your choice

Fees

Church Fees £200.00 (£400 for those not living in the parish)
Organist £100.00 * (*Ascot varies depending on organist)*
Cantor £ 60.00
Registrar £ 60.00

If a member of your family is making a video of the service, a licence from the MCPS must be obtained. The current cost is on average £15.00 but that there is a sliding scale of charges depending on individual circumstances

Application form and payment may be made via the MCPS website:
www.mcps-prs-alliance.co.uk/musicforproducts/LM/Pages/LM.aspx

Marriage Preparation

The Church requires that you prepare for the Sacrament of marriage by undertaking a 'marriage preparation course'. Here in Windsor, the parish offers very good preparation course normally once a year. This course includes the blessing of engagement rings at a Sunday Mass. If you are not living in the area you may wish to undertake a course in the Parish that you are living.
Please discuss this with Canon David or Fr Phillip.

For further information about the next course in the parish please email Kathy at :- kathyarundale@hotmail.com

WE WISH YOU EVERY HAPPINESS ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

AND FOR YOUR FUTURE.