

Getting married at St Francis

If you are thinking about a Church wedding in Terriers you may find it helpful to have some details about the preliminary arrangements for the service. General information about getting married in church can be found at <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

A couple have the legal right to be married in the parish church of a parish where one or both of them are resident or entered on the electoral roll.

However some people would like to marry in a church because it has special significance for them, even though it is not where they live. This church offers the same welcome to a couple who wish to marry here and who can demonstrate a straightforward connection with the parish as it does to those who live in the parish itself, without the couple having to apply for a special licence.

Couples have the same right to marry in the parish church of a parish with which one or both of them can demonstrate a "qualifying connection" of a kind specified below as a person resident in the parish would have.

A person has a Qualifying Connection with a parish if:

- **that person:**
 - was baptised in the parish. (This does not apply where the baptism formed part of a combined service of baptism or confirmation); or
 - had his or her confirmation entered in a church register book of a church or chapel in the parish; or
 - has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
 - has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

or

- a Parent of that person has at any time during that person's lifetime:
 - had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
 - habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

or

- a Parent or Grandparent of that person was married in the parish.

In all these cases/In all cases involving church services – i.e. coming to/going to/attending normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage – this applies only to Church of England services.

Assuming that you or your fiancé(e) lives in the parish of Terriers or has a “qualifying connection” as outlined above, these are the things you need to know:

- **Banns**

If either of you lives outside the parish, you will need to make arrangements for your banns to be read in the church of the parish where you live. Banns in this parish are read at the 10.00 am service on the first three Sundays of the month *before* the month in which

your marriage is to take place. We look forward to seeing you then.

- **Preparation**

The church will be in touch with you some time before your wedding date to arrange a meeting at which you and the Vicar can discuss the service in more detail and fix a date for your rehearsal. This meeting will normally take place three or four months before the date of your wedding.

- **Music**

You may already have in mind a choice of music to be played at your wedding. If you are uncertain about your choices the person who leads our team of singers and musicians will be very happy to advise you. It is usually possible to talk to her over a cup of coffee after the Parish Communion (10.00 a.m. every Sunday). Here is a list of popular hymns which you may find helpful:

Wedding Hymns

*Two hymnbooks are used at this church. They are “Hymns Ancient and Modern” (New Standard edition) in “Hymns Old and New” (Complete Anglican edition). In them the following hymns are recommended as particularly suitable for weddings (the text of those marked * is still copyright and must be printed with appropriate acknowledgements in any order of service):*

“Hymns Ancient and Modern”

“Hymns Old and New”

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| | A new commandment* | 35 |
| 156 | Come down, O Love divine | 114 |
| 450 | Crown with love, Lord, this glad day* | |
| 113 | Father, hear the prayer we offer | 161 |
| 356 | Father, Lord of all creation* | 163 |
| 200 | Fill thou my life, O Lord my God | 171 |
| 104 | For the beauty of the earth | 184 |
| 459 | Give me joy in my heart | 201 |
| | God in the planning* | 213 |
| 179 | God of Mercy, God of grace | 227 |
| 154 | Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost | 245 |
| 374 | Help us to help each other Lord | 275 |
| 471 | Holy Spirit, come, confirm us* | 288 |
| 378 | Jesus, good above all other* | 350 |
| 379 | Jesus, humble was your birth* | |
| 380 | Jesus, Lord, we look to thee | |
| 475 | Jesus, Lord, we pray* | |
| 194 | King of glory, King of peace | 375 |
| 224 | Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us | 379 |
| 482 | Life is great!* | 393 |
| | Lord, for the years* | 409 |
| 393 | Lord of all good* | |
| 394 | Lord of all hopefulness* | 413 |
| 131 | Love divine, all loves excelling | 428 |

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| | May the grace of Christ our Saviour | 446 |
| 205 | Now thank we all our God | 474 |
| 152 | O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace | 501 |
| 280 | O perfect love, all human thought transcending* | 533 |
| 203 | O praise ye the Lord | 534 |
| 233 | O thou who camest from above | 541 |
| 101 | O worship the King, all glorious above | 551 |
| 503 | Of all the Spirit's gifts to me* | |
| 192 | Praise, my soul, the King of heaven | 565 |
| 207 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation | 573 |
| 126 | The King of love my shepherd is | 649 |
| | Wherever you go* | 744 |

The following are also popular:

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| 116 | All things bright and beautiful | 25 |
| 294 | And did those feet in ancient time | 33 |
| 148 | At the name of Jesus | 54 |
| 343 | Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart* | 70 |
| 214 | Guide me, O thou great Redeemer | 252 |
| 375 | I danced in the morning when the world was begun* | 305 |
| 235 | O Jesus, I have promised | 503 |
| 415 | Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer* | 558 |
| 422 | Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord* | 631 |
| 426 | The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want | 654 |

- **Order of Service**

Couples may design their own order of service (or leave it to a local printer). This should include an outline of the service and all the words which you wish your guests to say or sing. Please be very careful when choosing hymns. The words of any hymn written by an author who died after New Year's Eve, 1938, are still under copyright. Many will be covered by this Church's Copyright Licence, which must be quoted, with the appropriate acknowledgements, in any order of service. Please check with the Vicar whether the hymns you have chosen fall into this category. If they do not you *must* have the written permission of the appropriate copyright administrator before including them in your order of service. This is *your* legal responsibility, but we will be happy to give whatever advice and help we can – including offering a design and printing service for couples who want a more simple order of service.

- **Flowers**

You may have already arranged for a family friend or a professional florist to provide the flowers for your wedding. If you would like the Church to organise the flowers for you, the leader of our team of flower-arrangers will be happy to discuss with you the size and colours of any floral displays, but this must be done at least six weeks before the date of your wedding. There is a charge for this service (please see below).

- **Fees and expenses**

The Church of England sets [standard fees for weddings which are updated each year](#).

Additional Expenses

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| Organist (if required) | £60.00* |
| Donation to Organ Fund (if organ used) | £10.00 |
| Contribution to heating church building (Winter- months) | £ 35.00 |
| Fee for Verger/cleaner | £ 35.00 |
| Choir (if required) | £ 75.00* |
| Flowers (if required) | £ 75.00 |

** A different rate applies if substantial preparation (beyond the playing of hymns and organ voluntaries) is required. Please ask for further details.*

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In addition to the website mentioned above, you will also find guidance about matters which often concern couples preparing for their wedding at <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/lifeevents/weddings/>. If neither website answers your particular queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Vicar, whether by e-mail (vicar@terrierschurch.org.uk) or by telephone.