

Photography & Videos

After processions and once the service formally has started, any cameras or video recorders are only permitted if they are static on a tripod and **unmanned**, with the exception of the bell tower balcony where manned cameras are permitted. Multiple un-manned cameras are fine. It is also possible to live-stream the service to Youtube or Facebook by arrangement.

Bells

On the way in and out of the service, the bells help mark your special day, but we need the booking confirmed in advance.



Service sheet

Although not strictly necessary, as hymn books or service screens may be used, a service sheet is a nice souvenir of the day. It is a couples responsibility to produce it, but it is essential that a proof copy is checked with your minister before it goes to print!

Traditional service sheets include the following:

Processional Music (NB Usually Title & Composer)

"Opening prayers"

First hymn words

"The Wedding"

"Bible Reading" (NB Notify any requests at Prep day)

"Address" (NB Any 3rd hymn would come after the address)

"Prayers and Blessing"

Second hymn words

"Signing the register"

Processional music

Generally we recommend this simple traditional order, but it is possible to arrange additional elements such as extra readings or music items. However additional elements must be in harmony with the Christian nature of the service, so must be agreed in advance with the minister.

Ushers

They welcome people to their seats, give out sheets and clear up afterwards. They can guide guests on photography restrictions (*'not during the service'*) and confetti (*'not in churchyard, but on the road'*).

On the day

Groom, best man and ushers arrive 45min early.

Bride arrives 10min early (*to allow for photos*)

NB Cheadle traffic is busy on Friday & Saturday, allow for that!



Making it special

A Church wedding is far more than just having a beautiful venue and a traditional ceremony to seal the love of a couple.

We believe that faith will help establish what it means to be faithful to a marriage, and help a couple remain so for life.

We believe that making a commitment in love is meant to be shared with the whole of the community, not just among private family and friends. It's for all to celebrate!

We believe that God's presence in a couple's life together, not only blessing its beginnings, but sustaining it through life's joys and traumas, is the very best foundation for families and communities.

So as part of preparing for a wedding, join us in weekly worship, explore the difference Christian faith makes to how couples live each other and sustains it for a lifetime together!

Cheadle Parish Church



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Getting married in Cheadle Church?

What you need to know...



At the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.

Jesus Christ

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Getting Married in Church

Congratulations on your engagement!



We are very glad you are considering a church wedding when so many choose civil ceremonies, or none at all.

This leaflet aims to give you some necessary information for planning your day with us.

Can we marry at St.Mary's?

The Legal Questions

- Are either of you under 18?
- Are you close blood relatives?
- Have either of you been married before or been in a civil partnership before?
- Are you proposing to marry someone of the same gender as yourself?

If you have answered “Yes” to any of these, you will need to have a conversation with one of our clergy to explore whether or not your particular situation is still able to be accommodated.

The Practical Questions

A particular local church is able to marry a couple where there is a legitimate “qualifying connection”. The most preferable qualifying connection is church roll membership, which is possible if you have **attended services regularly for over 6 months** or **are resident in the ecclesiastical parish**.

There are also other qualifying connections which can be considered where documentary evidence is available: e.g. if you were baptised/confirmed in the parish, or have lived in the parish consecutively for 6 months or more, your parents have been full church members, or parents/grandparents were married in the parish. Discuss this with the minister.

Making the booking

Arrange to meet one of the church ministers, ideally in person after a church service, who will talk you through the necessary processes and paperwork.

What paperwork needs doing?

Since 4th May 2021, there are now two strands of paperwork to complete: ecclesiastical and civil registration.

Ecclesiastical

Necessary paperwork for marrying in Cheadle Parish will be completed with you at the preliminary meeting with the minister when you make the booking.



You can marry EITHER after banns are read in all relevant churches; OR a special licence has been granted.

Banns need to be read in EVERY PARISH OF RESIDENCY & ROLL MEMBERSHIP, for three Sundays in three months before a wedding; and certificates from each of these churches are required before a marriage is possible. It is a couple's responsibility to do this, but we will remind you.

Licences are unusual, and only granted where a ‘real and living’ connection to church is evident, but banns cannot be completed. It takes time to arrange, so get help early.

Civil

A marriage document will be completed on the wedding day, signed by you and the witnesses, and it is sent to the registry by the minister. The registry then sends you the legal wedding certificate; as these are no longer issued on the day by the churches.

How much will it cost?

Please see wedding fees document

What arrangements need planning?

Preparation

The minister will organise to meet with you to go through the service in detail, confirm final arrangements and book a rehearsal.

Music

Music can be live or recorded. Hymns (usually two) are to be chosen by agreement with the minister responsible. If you wish to have an organist, they will arrange to meet with you and can help your choices.

The Rector has a final decision on music choices.

Flowers

There are always simple basic arrangements in Church by the pulpit and East window, but if you wish for something special (*a different colour scheme, particular variations, or additional displays*) arrangements will need to be made with our Church florist—contact the church office for more information. Any weddings that fall on Church events i.e. Christmas, Remembrance etc. will not have this option.

