

Banns of Marriage:

Part of the legal requirements for marriage includes reading the Banns of Marriage.

(see right) 

Parking

Wedding cars may stay on the main road as long as there is a driver in attendance. Anyone who is disabled may use the small Church Car Park at the end of Park Place. Others are requested to park elsewhere.

Costs 2018 *	Fee	Running total
Church, Legal fees & Certificate	£474.00	£474.00
Verger	£35.00	£509.00
[Organ & Organist	£95.00	£604.00]
[Bells	£150.00	£754.00]
[Heating (Oct-Mar)	£50.00	£804.00]
[Orders of Service	£25.00	£829.00]

1. A deposit of £150 is required at the time of booking. [The deposit is refundable if notice of cancellation is given at least two months prior to the date of the wedding.]
2. The balance of fees must be paid at least four weeks prior to the wedding. Payment may be made by cash, cheque payable to **RSMNB**, or electronic transfer to our wedding account, details below.

Account Name: RSMNB
Sort Code: 30-97-20
Account Number: 00569697
Lloyds Bank, 133 High Street, Rushden

* [bracketed items may be optional]

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

• **What are Banns of Marriage?**

Banns are an announcement of your intention to marry, read out in your parish church(es) on three Sundays during the months just before your wedding. They are an ancient tradition and *also* a legal requirement, providing a chance for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may *not* lawfully take place (hopefully no one will!).

• **What do I do to make sure the Banns are read out correctly?**

You must complete a “Banns of Marriage Application Form” *both* for St Mary’s and for the any other parish in which either of you reside.

Therefore, if one or both of you live outside the parish of Rushden St Mary’s, you will need to contact the clergy person of the parish where you live in order to have the *Banns* read there, as well as at St Mary’s. Once they have been read, you should receive a **Certificate of Banns** as proof that this has been done. This should be shown to the clergy person conducting your wedding. There is a charge of £43.00 for this in each parish.

• **How to I know which is my Parish Church?**

You can find your parish church by looking on the website: www.yourchurchwedding.org. If you have problems, ask one of our clergy

• **Do I have to attend when the Banns are read?**

It is not a legal requirement for you to attend when Banns are read, but you are welcome to do so. The congregation may be invited to pray for you and it is quite special and moving to hear this, so do come along if you can!

There are some circumstances in which you may need a Special Licence, Common Licence or a Superintendent Registrar’s Certificate to marry in church. The clergy will let you know if these apply to you.

YOUR CHURCH
WEDDING



at
St Mary’s Church,
Rushden

For initial enquiries, please ring:
Rev Stephen Prior 01933 312554

For all sorts of information and ideas about
your church wedding, we suggest you browse
the Church of England website:
www.yourchurchwedding.org

WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S, RUSHDEN

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! We welcome enquiries about Weddings at Rushden St Mary's Church.

We hope to meet with couples three times in preparation for your wedding:-

1. **An introductory session** to meet with you both, go through the necessary paperwork and look at the wedding service with you to make it as personal and special as possible.
2. **A wedding preparation session**, together with other couples, will be organised, usually on a Saturday, in order for you:
 - to meet informally over refreshments with others at the same stage in their wedding preparations.
 - to go through the wedding service, looking especially at the vows you will make to one another.
 - to have an opportunity to ask and answer for yourselves the questions
 - *What are we looking for in marriage?*
 - *What values are important to us?*
 - *Why get married in Church?*
3. **A wedding rehearsal** will take place in Church, arranged to be a day or two before the wedding. This will be for both the wedding couple and as many of the wedding party as you wish, but particularly the person who will accompany the bride. The rehearsal will take about an hour.

*Love
never fails.*
1 Corinthians 13.8

NOTES ON THE CHURCH SERVICE

1) Order of Service *(Note: this may vary slightly)*

Introit (music played) during which the Bride enters
Welcome
Hymn
The Marriage Vows
A Bible reading
A Short Address
Hymn
Prayers
Blessing
Signing of the Registers (with music)
Postlude (music played) during which the Bride and Groom exit

2) Music:

Hymns

We can suggest a variety of hymns to help you to choose what you would like. (See also www.yourchurchwedding.org/hymns-media-player.aspx).

Organ music

Our organist, Mrs Rosemary Nayyar, is happy to discuss music with you. She will make suggestions and let you hear the music for entry and exit as well as the hymns – to make sure you have the right tunes. The best time to meet her is usually at 10:45am on a Sunday morning after the 9:30am service.

[St Mary's choir does not normally sing at weddings, but if you wish to hire a choir, or provide your own music/singing group, please speak with the Clergy Person taking your wedding and make sure the Organist knows.]

3) Bible Reading

There are a number of suitable passages from the Bible that may be read in the service (see also <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/your-wedding/readings.aspx>). If there is a friend or relative whom you would like to read, they could be asked to take part in this way.

4) Flowers

It is important to check whether there will be another Wedding on the same day as yours, as there would not be time to change flower decorations in between services. We can put you in touch with other couples to make sure colour schemes do not clash and you could share costs. Once you have made your decisions regarding flowers, please get in touch with our church flower administrator (below).

4) Videographers and Photographers

It is important to speak with the clergy person taking your wedding if you wish to have someone taking photographs during the service.

The Church is usually open

Sundays 9am – 1pm; 5.30 – 8pm

9.30am All Age Worship

11.15am Morning Service

6.00pm Evening Service

Wednesdays 9am – 1pm (in the summer often in the afternoon as well)

Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30am:

10.30am Holy Communion

Fridays 9.30am – 12 noon

Saturdays 9.30am – 12 noon (in the summer, often in the afternoon as well)

Names and Telephone Numbers

Honorary Verger:

Mr Peter White 01933 353214

Flower Administrator:

Mrs Jean Tombling 01933 418072

Organist:

Mrs Rosemary Nayyar 01933 418539

Clergy

Rev Stephen Prior 01933 312554

Rev Natasha Brady 01933 311029