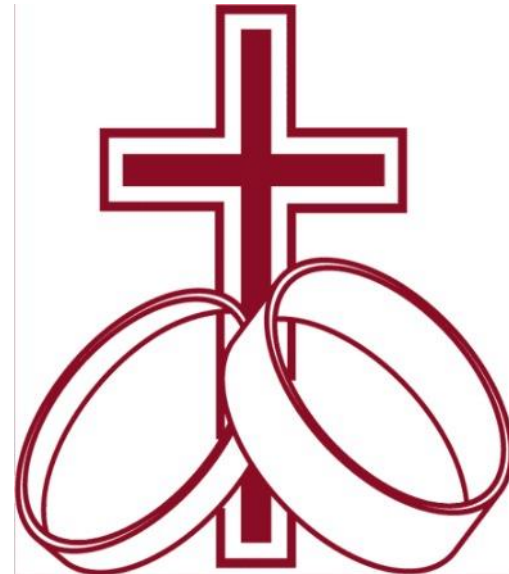


A Guide to your Wedding 2023



**All Saints' Church,
Shillington.**

1 John 4:16.

*God is love, and those who live in love live
in God and God lives in them.*

Congratulations on your engagement.

We hope all your wedding day preparations will go well. The most important part of your wedding day is the church service and this booklet is designed to make your preparations for this special day as easy as possible.

There is a dedicated team of people at All Saints' Church who work very hard to ensure your day is the special celebration it should be.

We are always happy to answer any questions or deal with any concerns you may have about your wedding service.

Richard and Liz Brewer
Churchwardens

Marriage in church.

By deciding to get married in church you are going to take part in a beautiful and meaningful service. The central part of this will be when you make your vows in front of your family and friends and also in the eyes of God. By being married in church you will be committing yourselves to a Christian marriage which is a commitment for life. During the service you will receive God's blessing on your marriage which

will help to strengthen your marriage from the very beginning.

We will explore the Christian concept of marriage more at your wedding preparation evening.

Church Attendance.

We encourage all wedding couples to try to attend church on a regular basis before their marriage and hopefully after their marriage. Our main morning service is at 9:30am every Sunday.

The legal process.

In order for you to be married a legal process has to be followed. This normally involves the calling of Banns here at All Saints' church and at the parish church of the area in which you live. It is your responsibility to arrange for your Banns to be called in the other parish if one of you lives outside Shillington.

If you both live outside the parish of Shillington and at different addresses then the Banns have to be read three times in both your parish churches as well as All Saints.

You should arrange for your banns to be read not later than four months before your wedding. After the Banns have been read the parish priest will give you a banns certificate upon payment of the appropriate fee. The certificate must be presented to the presiding priest in order for the marriage to go ahead.

Your Banns at All Saints' will be read the first three weeks of the month before the month of your wedding service.

Marriage preparation.

We will meet you to arrange the dates and practical arrangements for the day and address any issues and questions you may have. We will also arrange for a priest to lead the service who will help you to prepare and will agree a time and date for a run through of the service.

The Wedding rehearsal.

This will normally be the Thursday before your wedding.

Ideally the following people should be present: Bride and Groom, Best Man, the person giving away the bride, Bridesmaids, Page boys, ushers and the person doing the reading. Other people are, of course, more than welcome to attend.

The Vows.

During the ceremony you will take your vows of marriage. The words are well known but please consider them carefully as they are a lifelong commitment and should not be made without serious consideration. These are the vows you will make, publicly, to each other.

"I, *(full name)*, take you
(full name), To be my
wife/husband,
To have and to hold
From this day forward;
For better, for worse,

For richer, for poorer,
In sickness and health,
To love and to cherish
Till death us do part,
According to God's holy law;
And this is my solemn vow."

A Prayer as you prepare for your wedding day.

*Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to
you
as we seek your blessing upon us as we plan our
wedding*

and our married life together.

*Keep us close to you and to one another
though the joy and excitement of our planning
as well as the frustrations and fears.*

*May we know your presence with us now and in the years to
come. Amen.*

The Reading.

It is customary to have a reading during the service. The choice of reading and who reads it is for you to decide. You may have a secular reading but please check with the priest that the wording is suitable.

Some suggested Biblical readings are:

Genesis Chapter 1 verses 26 – 28, 31a.

Romans Chapter 12 verses 1, 2, 9-13.

1 Corinthians Chapter 13.

Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 14-end.

Ephesians Chapter 5 verses 21-33.
Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12-17.
1 John Chapter 4 verses 7-12.
Matthew Chapter 7 verses 21, 24-27.
Mark Chapter 10
verses 6-9. John
Chapter 2 verse 1.11.
John Chapter 15 verses 9-12.

If you wish to have a family member or friend as the reader at your service it would be very helpful if they can attend the rehearsal.

These and other examples of bible readings can be seen in full on the Church of England weddings website. You can also see the words and listen to the music of suitable hymns. The words of your selected hymns and readings can then be printed out.

www.yourchurchwedding.org/planner

Music.

At a wedding service at All Saints' Church it is usual but not essential to have up to three hymns. The selection of the hymns is made by you. In addition, there will be a piece of music played at the entry of the bride and at the point when you leave as a married couple. There would also normally be a piece of organ music, a sung item from the choir or some recorded music during the signing of the registers. (But please note we do not provided equipment for recorded items).

Order of service

For the Marriage of

James Philip Smith

To

Mary Jane Brown

Saturday 18th July 2022

1:30 pm

At All Saints' Church, Shillington.

The 'Order of Service' sheet.

It is customary to give out an 'Order of Service' sheet to your guests. On the following pages is an illustration of what is normally included and your printer will have templates from which you can choose.

The hymns and reading would be to your choice but please let me the wardens see a draft of your wedding service before you print it.

You may wish to have the words for the hymns and, if there is space, for the reading to be printed in your Order of Service as in the example.

If you know the music being used at the beginning of the service and during the signing of the register the title or the piece and the composer should be included.

The Order of Service sheet is normally spread over four pages. Please feel free to request the use of a hymn book from church in order to get the correct words to your hymns. Please note some websites have different words to some hymns.

Number of copies to print - It is difficult to estimate the exact number of copies you need. As a general rule first decide if you wish to give one between two or one each then add an extra 20% to the figure.

Please also provide 20 plain printed black and white copies of the service for the choir. If at all possible please bring all the service booklets to church on the day of your rehearsal

Music at the entry of the bride.

*Should include title of piece of music and composer e.g.
"The circle of life" – The Lion King.*

1st Hymn.

Example

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.	Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee, Jesu, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.	Changed from glory unto glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.
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Introduction

The Declarations.

The Reading(s).

Example - from "Any Husband or Wife" by Carole Haynes

Let us be guests in one another's house, with a deferential "No" and courteous "Yes." Let us take care to hide our foolish moods behind a certain show of cheerfulness. Let us avoid all sullen silences. We should find fresh and sprightly things to say. I must be fearful lest you find me dull, and you must dread to bore me any way. Let us knock gently at each other's heart, glad of a chance to look within and yet let us remember that to force one's way is the unpardoned breach of etiquette. So we shall be host and hostess, until all need for entertainment ends. We shall be lovers when the last door shuts. But what is better still, we shall be friends.

Address.

The Revd Richard Winslade.

The Marriage.

2nd Hymn.

Example.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight,
All laud we would render: Oh help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Prayers.

The Signing of the Registers.

Music

3rd Hymn.

Example

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! Oh clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariots of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

The Blessing.

Music as the Bride and Groom leave the church.

Video

All couples must have permission for any video cameras to be used in church whether professional or home use. Please ensure your family and friends know this.

The use of video cameras may add an additional recording fee to the standard charges.

All video recording must be from a fixed point once the service starts. For amateur video recordings this is seated in a pew and professional video recording from the back of church. Please note we do not allow video operative to move around during the service.

These rules are to ensure the service runs smoothly and that you as a couple are not made any more nervous than you will naturally be.

Photography.

Please ask all professional photographers to speak to us before the service. It is lovely to have pictures to remember your day but there are certain rules to be followed. Again, the photographer must stay at a fixed point at the back of the church by the font apart from the signing of the registers. Please note that non-professional photographs should not be taken during the service.

Flowers

You may wish to do wedding flowers yourselves. If you are proposing to employ the services of an outside Florist, please ask your florist to contact us so that we can advise them of the layout of the church and agree a time for them to arrange the flowers.

Confetti.

Please tell your guests that only biodegradable confetti should be used at the church. The church tries to be as 'Green' as possible.

Collection.

We would be most grateful if you could remind your guests that there will be a collection taken after the service. Unfortunately, the average collection at a wedding is never in proportion to the number of people in the congregation!

If every guest gave just £2 it would make a huge difference to the finances of the church. It costs over £175 a day to keep the church as a central part of the village.

After your wedding.

We hope that you will still consider All Saints' church to be your home church. Please continue to attend service after

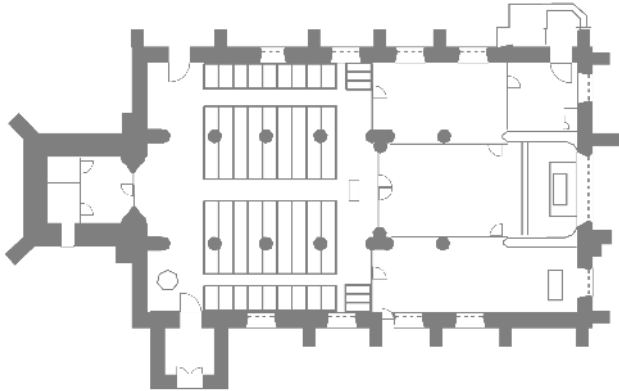
your wedding day and we hope we may see you later in your married life when you bring your children to be baptised.

You will receive occasional pieces of information about the church and invitations to attend church events which we hope you find helpful.

Should you wish to know more about our church family here at All Saints' church then please ask us.

Church Facilities

There is seating in the nave for about 120 people and another 50 in each aisle but with restricted views of the altar



All Saints' church is at the top of a short hill. Parking space is limited to about 10 cars and is reserved for official cars and people with mobility problems. Please let us know if anyone has special needs. We would appreciate it if you could encourage your guests to park at the bottom of the hill. Note that access to the car park is only 2.5m wide.

Three steps lead up from the car park to a 1 in 10 path to the door. A wheelchair ramp is available on request.

The church has toilet facilities with wheelchair access.

Find us at

Google maps - All Saints' Parish Church SG5 3LH

Navigate to - 91 Church Street Shillington SG5 3LH

Fees for 2023

All Saints' charges fees as set by the Church of England: -

[The cost of church weddings | The Church of England](#)

This includes the use of the church, the services of the rector and vergers, the wedding service itself and the administrative costs of registering the marriage. (The vergers represent the church and will help you and your guests as you arrive and as you leave).

Optional services are payable in addition to the main fees

Organist and organ	£120
Choir	£135
Bells	£135

If you wish to have your wedding recorded on video there are recording fees in addition to those above. (Note, we do not offer video or photographic services)

Organist's recording fee	£120
Choir's recording fee	£135

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