

# *All Saints, Cawood*

## *Information for wedding couples*

Welcome to All Saints, Cawood! We are delighted that you wish to celebrate your wedding in our church, and wish you every happiness as you prepare for your married life together.

This short leaflet is intended to provide you with some useful practical information to help you plan your wedding ceremony. If you have any queries which aren't answered here, please contact Rev. Terry Dyer (priest in charge) on 01757 268905 for further guidance.

### **Forms of service and readings**

Rev. Terry will be able to explain in detail the various forms of wedding ceremony which can be used, and the different options available. There are no "set" readings which you are required to use: most couples choose one or more appropriate scriptural or secular readings which hold particular meaning for them.

### **Hymns and other music**

The organist who will be playing for the wedding will be happy to assist you in selecting suitable hymns and other organ music for your wedding ceremony. Rev. Terry will be able to put you in touch with him/her directly.

It may be possible for the church choir to be present, either to help lead the singing of hymns or to sing choral pieces during the signing of the register. Again, please speak to Rev. Terry if this option is of interest.

### **Flowers**

If you wish to have floral decorations in the church, and your florist would like to make use of the church's flower-stands, vases (etc.), please contact Dorothy Bowers on 01757 268387, who will be able to let you know what is available and where things are stored.

The church is usually left unlocked during the day, so it should generally be possible for your florist to visit at a time which is convenient to him/her, both for planning and to set up decorations for the ceremony itself. However, since there are some weekday services, and also to ensure that the church will definitely be open, please do check first.

### **Video / audio recordings**

Some couples like to have a professional video / audio recording of the ceremony. This is not a problem; however, please note that where a wedding ceremony is professionally filmed / recorded, copyright / performance rights law means that a higher organist's fee is payable. Full details are given overleaf.

### **Confetti**

If your guests wish to throw confetti as part of the celebrations after the ceremony, please ask them only to do so beyond the church gate. Confetti (even if biodegradable) soon leaves the church porch and churchyard looking very messy, and non-biodegradable confetti can be harmful to wildlife living in the churchyard.

## **Church furniture, fixtures and fittings**

From time to time we receive requests from wedding couples for permission to move items of church furniture, such as chairs, tables, displays, notices, candle-stands etc. Clearly, we appreciate that your wedding is your "big day", and that you would like the church to present a visually appealing setting for your ceremony. Equally, however, we hope that you will understand and respect the fact that the church is "home" to a worshipping community, and actively used as such.

Against that background, the general principles relating to moving of items within the church are:

- Chairs and tables may be re-arranged as required, but must not be removed from the church.
- The piano must not be moved: it is a valuable instrument and may be damaged / put out of tune by being moved.
- Please ask before moving / removing any other significant items (including notices or display boards: there are some notices which we are legally required to display, and which must not be taken down).
- Where items are moved, please ensure that arrangements are made for these to be put back in place after the ceremony, so that the church is again ready to use for worship.

## **Fees**

The current fees for 2018 (most of which are prescribed by law) are as set out below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Publication of banns of marriage	<b>£29.00</b>
Certificate of banns issued at time of publication (required only if service is being held at another church)	<b>£14.00</b>
Marriage service	<b>£441.00</b>
Marriage certificate (issued at the time the marriage is registered)	<b>£4.00</b>
Marriage certificate (if requested and issued subsequently)	<b>£10.00</b>
Organist (standard fee)	<b>£50.00</b>
Organist (if professional video / audio recording of ceremony is being made)	<b>£100.00</b>
Choir (if providing music during the signing of register – otherwise, no charge)	<b>£25.00</b>
Contribution towards costs of heating, services of the vergers etc.	<b>£30.00</b>

The "standard" cost for a wedding is therefore **£554**. This covers the publication of banns, the marriage service itself, the organist's standard fee, a contribution towards the costs of heating and the services of the vergers, and the issue of the marriage certificate.

Fees may be paid:

- by cheque (payable to "PCC of All Saints, Cawood") or
- by bank transfer (sort code: 40-52-40; account no: 00029205). To help us identify the payment, please include both the bride & groom's surnames as the reference for the payment, if space permits (eg "Smith/Jones wedding").