

INTRODUCTION

Getting married is one of the major commitments in your life and the ceremony is an important part of that special day.

This booklet is designed to give you information about the choices you have regarding religious ceremonies held in All Saints Church, Huntsham.

A church wedding can be both personal and unique to you while being rooted in a tradition that holds past, present and future together. Our minister the Rev. Lynne Burgon, will be happy to talk through with you the advantages and special benefits of getting married in church.

LEGALITIES

Getting married in the Church of England is subject to rules and regulations enshrined in law. In 2008 the Church of England marriage measure created new rights to marry in a Parish Church which are additional to the rights contained in the Marriage Act 1949. This enables a person to marry in a church which is not his/her parish church but where he/she has a qualifying connection. The criteria for establishing a qualifying connection are if one of them:

1. lives in the parish *or*
2. is on the church's electoral role *or*
3. has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least six months *or*
4. has habitually attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least six months *or*
5. was baptised in the parish *or*

6. was prepared for confirmation in the parish *or*

one of their parents; at any time after they were born

7. has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months *or*

8. has at any time habitually attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least six months *or*

one of their parents or grandparents

9. was married in the parish

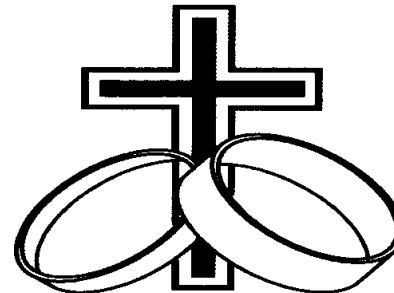
or:

10. they have been granted a Special Licence

For example:

Many couples holding their wedding at Huntsham Court and wanting to get married in the church become regular attenders for a period of six to eight months prior to their wedding and this becomes their qualifying connection.

If you believe you have a qualifying connection and would like to get married in Huntsham church then please contact the Rector, the Rev. Lynne Burgon on 01398 332443 or by email to l.burgon@btinternet.com to discuss your plans.



In certain circumstances it is possible to obtain a common licence. To qualify for this licence one of the party must reside in the parish for fifteen days immediately before applying for the licence.

Further details can be obtained from the diocesan registrar, Mr Martin Follett on 01392 687415 or Mr Alan Barr on 01392 687421. It is advised to check with them before you decided to reside in the parish.

If you haven't a qualifying connection and would still like a religious ceremony in the church we would be happy to offer a wedding blessing. This ceremony would be planned in conjunction with the Rev. Lynne Burgon but is a more flexible service than a church wedding. For further information please contact the Rev. Lynne Burgon on 01398 332443 or by email to l.burgon@btinternet.com



At the basis of the Christian wedding ceremony is the belief that love is a gift of God and one that needs to be celebrated and shared. Wherever you choose for your wedding we hope that the celebration of love becomes a permanent part of your life journey.

If you would like a guide to the cost of getting married in the Church of England and further useful information you might like to visit www.churchofengland.org

Do You Want To Get Married In Huntsham?



All Saints Church Huntsham