

If none of this applies to you, you may be able to obtain a common licence. To qualify for this licence one of you must have had your usual place of residence within the parish of Huntsham for a period of fifteen days immediately before applying for the licence. This means that you or your intended has actually lived there throughout the period either in your own home, that of a friend, a hotel, a B&B or elsewhere. Further details can be obtained from the diocesan registrar, Mr Martin Follett on 01392 687415 or Mr Alan Barr on 01392 687421. It is advisable to check with them before you decide to reside in the parish.

Alternatively you may be able to obtain a Superintendent Registrar's Certificate. For this you will have to make a declaration that one of you has had your usual place of residence within the parish of Huntsham for a period of 7 days immediately before applying for the licence. You should make enquiries at your local Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Again it is advisable to check with them before you decide 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 an ordained minister but is a more flexible service than a church wedding. For further information please contact the church administrator, Mrs Sue Lee on 01398 332885 or by email to hukeleymissioncommunity@yahoo.co.uk

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

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. One of our ministers 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. You may get married in the parish of Huntsham provided it is:

1. *The parish in which one or both of you reside.* This means that when you give notice to the minister that you want to get married, you are actually living in the parish and that you occupy somewhere in the parish as a home. In other words, it's the parish where you live permanently *or*
2. *The parish in which one or both of you are on the church electoral roll.* This is the Church of England electoral roll *or*
3. has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least six months *or*
4. *The parish in which one or both of you has a qualifying connection.*
You have a qualifying connection with a parish if:
 - (a) You were baptised in the parish by a Church of England service or form of baptism *or*
 - (b) You have been confirmed by a Church of England service and your confirmation is entered in a register belonging to a church or chapel in the parish *or*

- (c) Your parent or grandparent was married in the parish by a Church of England service *or*
- (d) You have had your usual place of residence in the parish for at least six months *or*
- (e) You have habitually attended public worship at a Church of England service in the parish for at least six months *or*
- (f) Your parent has habitually attended public worship at a Church of England service in the parish for at least six months during your lifetime.

For example:

Many couples holding their wedding at Huntsham Court and wanting to get married in the church become regular attendees 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 church administrator in the first instance on 01398 332885 or by email to hukeleymissioncommunity@yahoo.co.uk to discuss your plans.

