

## Weddings at All Saints – Frequently Asked Questions



### **Who can get married at All Saints?**

Until recently you had to live in the parish or get a special license from the Archbishop but now, even if you live outside of Kings Langley parish you can be married here, if you have a significant connection to the church - see the list below.

You may marry here if one of you:

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- was baptised in the parish or
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish or
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services at All Saints for a period of at least six months or

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least six months or
- has regularly gone to normal church services at All Saints for a period of at least 6 months or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

Even if you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, it may still be possible for you to get married here. Please contact our Administrator Sue Bassett to find out more ([saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk) 07503 950315).

### **How much will it cost?**

Exact figures will be sent to you at the beginning of the year in which you are getting married. Currently the basic fee for 2021, including the clergy costs and all the legal costs, is £506.

The organist's standard fee, which is in addition to the above, is currently £90 (extra if recorded).

You can choose the type of music you want with our organist, who will be available meet you after a Sunday service to discuss your ideas, from traditional to modern. The choir can also be available at a cost of £70. Please contact our Administrator Sue to book the choir ([saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saintskl2@tiscali.co.uk) 07503 950315)

Bell ringers are also available at additional cost. Saturdays: £160 Weekdays: £190

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### **Meeting the Vicar**

About three months before your wedding, the Vicar will contact you to get to know you and to make arrangements for the wedding service. You will probably have one or two meetings with the Vicar, as well as a rehearsal a few days before the big day.

## **What if I have been married before?**

At All Saints we welcome those who are divorced for marriage. There is an application form which will help the Vicar to have a discussion with you as part of welcoming and preparing you. Our Administrator Sue will let you have this form when you enquire.

## **What is the difference between a Wedding and a Blessing?**

The main difference is that a wedding is not only a celebration, with prayers and a blessing, but a legal ceremony. A blessing is just that, prayers of blessing and celebration following your marriage (or civil partnership) elsewhere. Prayers and Thanksgivings may also be included in a regular service, or said in church just by the clergy and couple. The clergy will be happy to discuss the options with you.

## **Can same sex couples get married at All Saints?**

Regrettably, we cannot legally offer this at present. However, we would be delighted to welcome same sex couples for special Prayers and Thanksgivings after civil partnership or marriage elsewhere.

## **Banns of Marriage**

The Administrator will give you the dates when your Banns will be read. Couples usually like to attend the service to hear their Banns read aloud and we would love to welcome you to do so.

## **Flowers**

There are flowers in church beside the altar, except in Advent and Lent. You may have additional flowers specifically for your wedding, in colours of your choice. The fee for flowers is determined by your requirements. We ask you to contact Sandra Hunt (01923 265276) at least two months before your wedding to discuss this. You are welcome to bring in your own flower arrangements, please discuss the process with Sandra, and let her know if you will be leaving any in church.