

Ministers Fees

(Includes fees for Publication of Banns & Marriage Certificate) £120

PCC Fee

(Includes fee to Parish Clerk, use of the church, heating and lights) £350

Total £470

Optional extras – whilst we make every effort to ensure that these extras are available, should you request them, we ask you to note that we cannot guarantee them.

Order of Service (100 copies) if required £50

Bells

6 Bells £150

8 Bells £200

10 Bells £250

12 Bells £300

If bells are required before AND after the service, the above fees will be doubled. For further information, Martyn Marriott can be contacted on 0115 945 2490.

Music - Organist and Choir Fees to be arranged with John Keys, Director of Music. John can be contacted via the parish office.

Recording Fees - if a recording is made of the service (either video or audio) then music fees agreed will be doubled.

Please note that there is an additional charge of £100.00 made for Sunday weddings.

We ask for a non-refundable deposit of £100 to book the church.

Please make cheques payable to: St Mary's Fees Account.

For further information about any other aspect or for an informal discussion, please contact the parish office who will arrange for you to meet with a member of clergy.

Parish Administrator: Wendy Pearce 0115 948 3658.

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Getting Married in St Mary's Church The Lace Market, Nottingham



**Thank you for enquiring about holding your wedding in
St Mary's Church, Lace Market, Nottingham.**

In this leaflet you will find some information about arrangements and fees. If you would like to follow up your enquiry, please telephone our Parish Office, 0115 948 3658, to arrange a meeting with a member of the clergy.

Some couples like to come to church during the months before their wedding, so that they feel more a part of the church. We should be very pleased to see you and make you feel welcome. Please make yourselves known to a member of the clergy.

The main service times are below, however, if you are thinking of coming along, it might be worth checking with the Parish Office to make sure that this is the correct time for the day you intend to visit.

Services at St Mary's on Sundays are:

10.45am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

The marriage service should be the highlight of your wedding day and we will work with you to make sure it is. St Mary's is the perfect setting for a beautiful wedding with its medieval architecture and superb choir. It also has dedicated Clergy who are determined to help you make the very best of your day.

In order to book a wedding, there are a number of legal requirements to be satisfied.

If you live in the Lace Market, the Victoria Centre, the Park or elsewhere in the parish you are generally entitled to marry in St Mary's Church. Please ring the Parish Office to confirm this.

For those who live further a field there are two possible options:

- Attend church for six months and become a regular member of the congregation.
- Obtain a Special Licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury. For this, you would need to be able to demonstrate some close family connection with St Mary's.

By far the easiest way is to attend Church... and most couples find they enjoy it greatly!

Being divorced does not necessarily create a difficulty, but please mention your circumstances to the clergy.

Once you have decided to get married in St Mary's one of the clergy will meet with you for a preliminary meeting to talk over the kind of service you would like and help you with some choices.

If you are a regular church-goer, you may like to have your wedding in the context of a Holy Communion Service. In this style of service, the Bride and Groom receive communion after they are married and the Choir may sing one of the superb liturgical settings. A straightforward wedding service can include your own choice of music, readings, hymns and prayers. Most weddings last around 40 minutes, including the signing of the registers.

Wedding Preparation

A happy marriage does not just happen; it takes a lot of hard work. We see it as a privilege to help engaged couples to work towards making their marriage a happy one. We invite you to explore in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, your hopes and fears for the future. The Clergy do not wish to be intrusive and this is not compulsory.

Nearer the time the clergy will also want to set a date for a rehearsal and this will be the opportunity to run through the whole service in Church.

Transport and Parking

It is not easy to park close to St Mary's, and it may be worth getting your guests to park at the reception venue and organising a bus to transport them to the church. An accompanied limousine will be fine outside the church.

Calling your banns

The Church of England has a legal requirement of, "Calling the banns of marriage". In other words, your wedding has to be announced in the parish where you reside, as well as in the church where you are to be married. This and the related costs are something you will need to discuss with the clergy.

Photographs

We try to ensure that the service is an act of worship for all who come and as such discourage the use of video cameras and flash photography during it. However, your professional photographer can speak to the clergy before the wedding and get their permission for photos during the signing of the registers and photos without flash. We usually allow ½ hour for photographs outside afterwards, or inside if it is wet.

Videos

If you wish to make a video recording of your wedding, it is possible but it will add considerably to the cost. You will also need to apply for a MCPS Licence. Ask the Parish Office for the details.

Confetti

Some of your guests may have confetti, which may be thrown as you enter your car by the gate.

Do I have to be baptised?

The simple answer is 'no'. However, your marriage in church will be a Christian service and this may be the opportunity to think seriously about what it means to be a Christian. Talk to the Clergy about being baptised or any other matters of faith.

Fees for 2008 weddings

The church fees include the use of the building along with heating and lighting, the wedding certificate, the service itself and fees for the clergy and verger.

If you would like our flower arrangers to help decorate the church, we can arrange this. Contact Beryl Simpson on 0115 9233640 for details of the cost for this.

For the choir, you will need to talk to our musical director, John Keys. You will need to agree a fee for soloists, musicians or choirs (a children's choir or an adult choir may possibly be booked) and he will help you choose suitable music.