

Simple Steps to getting married at St Mary, Kippington

Step One: Your enquiry to the church office allowed the possibility of getting married at this church.

Step Two: Upon confirmation and agreement of date by email, the Team Rector takes the opportunity to meet with you personally, either at the Church or via Zoom.

Step Three: Attendance of an evening wedding preparation session to explore all the different options available to you for your wedding at St Mary Kippington and the order of service and practicalities.

Step Four: If one or both of you are living outside the parish of St Mary Kippington then you need to have your Banns of Marriage read at your local church over three consecutive Sundays. We will always help you with this.

Step Five: Your Banns of Marriage will also be read at St Mary Kippington over three consecutive Sundays. We do all of this for you.

Step six: Remember to pay for your wedding at least a couple of weeks beforehand – we offer you the facility of paying by instalments, or by bank transfer, as well as by cheque.

Step Seven: All the people with roles at your wedding, come together for a rehearsal at the Church a few days before your wedding.

Step Eight: Your wedding day!



Rest assured, as a Church we will do all we can to make your wedding day unique and special.

Ways to find and contact us:

Parking: The Church has a car park between the Church and the Kippington Centre.

SatNav directions: Please enter TN13 2LL as your destination.

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St Mary Church, Kippington



Your Wedding

Congratulations on your engagement and we are delighted you are thinking of getting married at our Church

Why get married in Church?

Churches are special places and there are some things about a church wedding that you just can't get anywhere else.

A church is so much more than simply a venue for your wedding. Unique and special things become part of your marriage, on the day itself and beyond:

- A church wedding will add a spiritual dimension to your marriage. The ceremony includes God and looks to Him for help and guidance. God's blessing is the main attraction for many couples, whatever their beliefs.
- You can make amazing vows, or promises in a church. You can only make vows this big in a church. These vows, made in public, will help you to stay together and grow together. God and your church are there for you to help you keep your vows.
- The Vicar has a very particular role to play in your wedding. They can blend ancient tradition and modern experience to reflect your story.

Because of your relationship with the Vicar, your wedding can be made personal, memorable, meaningful and beautiful.

- Church buildings offer outstanding beauty. Old or new, intimate or grand, our 16,000 churches are some of the nation's most stunning wedding venues, with two-thirds, like St Mary Kippington, being listed buildings.
- Church buildings offer centuries of history. Imagine all the couples who have married at St Mary Kippington, some of whom may well be your family. You can feel you are becoming part of history itself, the bigger plan, by marrying in the same place as your relatives. We know these sorts of connections can make our day even more special.
- You can be involved in making choices about your ceremony – making the day more individual to you as a couple.
- For some people, a church simply seems like the proper place to get married. Churches can be described as 'peaceful', 'serene' or having an atmosphere that makes marrying there a particularly special experience.

And after your wedding , you will realise that a church is more than simply a wedding venue.

We will always be here for you. And remember:

It is far easier now to get married in church than ever before. You don't simply have to live in the parish of the Church where you want to get married. There are now a number of different qualifying connections which will give you the legal permission to get married.

Information on those connections will be provided when you contact the Church office with a possible booking, which you can do by telephone (01732) 451117 or by email at office@stmaryssevenoaks.org.



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