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Your Wedding St Mary the Virgin Fawsley



Who can marry in one of our parish churches?

You can marry in a Church of England church if you can show:-

That 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 concerned *or*
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish *or*
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 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 6 months *or*
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months *or*

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

In all cases involving church services - i.e. going to normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage - this applies only to Church of England services. Even if you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, we want to help you explore whether it may still be possible for you to marry in your special church.

There may be other considerations to be legally worked out, for example if one of you is a foreign national.



Arrive in style in a horse drawn carriage
Roger Tarry, who is our local farmer,
has this beautiful horse and carriage for hire.
If you've chosen Fawsley for its idyllic countryside setting
complete the picture and turn heads along the country lanes!
Contact Roger Tarry on
01327 361 688



5. Gatekeeper

Please arrange for a reliable person to man the roadside gate from at least 35 minutes before the start of the service until the bridal car arrives. Their job is to ensure that your guests respect the parking requirements and that the gate is kept closed when not in use. Please remember to close the gates and respect the countryside.

6. Confetti

The priest will announce at the start of the service that only bird friendly bio degradable confetti can be used and that it may be thrown within the churchyard but not in the field.

7. Entrance

If you are advising your guests of any of the above you may also wish to tell them that the nearside narrow door will be locked and that they should enter on the far side.

8. Rehearsal

A rehearsal with the priest a day or so before the ceremony is essential and should include bride, groom, best man, usher/s, bridesmaid/s, and parent/s of the bride and groom.

Checklist

Application form returned to the Rector along with deposit paid and sent with Gift Aid declaration

Begin attending to qualify to marry at Fawsley at least 8mnths before wedding

Arrange to have Banns read in the parish in which you live

GETTING MARRIED AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAWSLEY

Please read these notes carefully. They explain some of the marriage laws and regulations under which Church of England Priests conduct marriages. You will be required to sign the Application Form as confirmation that you have read and understood these paragraphs.

Because of the strong and constant interest from people wishing to be married at St. Mary's the PCC limit the number of such weddings to 6 per year. This is in acknowledgement of the limitation of a parish priest's time spread over the five parishes and of the very small number of Fawsley people available to deal with the considerable work involved beforehand and on the day itself. Allocation is strictly on a first-come-first-served basis after completion of the application formalities and payment of the deposit.

To allow for the 6 month attendance period and the subsequent reading of the Banns (required by law) it is usually necessary to allow for a period of 8 months between application and the proposed date of the wedding. Weddings are only held during the 7 month period April to October due to problems of unsuitable conditions in the field surrounding the church during the winter months.

Statutory fees and fixed expenses total is shown on page 4. It cannot be an absolute condition to getting married at St. Mary's, Fawsley but the PCC strongly urges couples to consider including an additional payment by way of donation, of at least £600. This amount, provides essential help towards this ancient church continuing its programme of upkeep and maintenance. The parish is asked by the diocese for a "Share" payment annually for Diocese central funding. The calculation of each parish's share is in part based on attendance. Fawsley's share is approaching £6,000.

COSTS AND PAYMENTS

FIRST PAYMENT (BOOKING DEPOSIT)

Non-returnable deposit payable to ' Fawsley P C C '

at the time of booking £ 200.00

SECOND & FINAL PAYMENT

Tow weeks before the wedding a final payment is due to
'Fawsley P C C '

It normally covers the following:

Statutory fees:

(Banns £28, Marriage Service £413 and Marriage Certificate £4) £ 445.00

Additional expenses: as required

Pre-wedding contract church cleaning, and

Pre-wedding contract churchyard maintenance. £ 75.00

Organist's fee (set from January 2011) £ 60.00

Bell ringers' fee £ 100.00

£ 680.00

less deposit already paid £ 200.00

Total £ 480.00

Optional Donation? £ 600.00

Second and final payment made at least two weeks before the service

(including optional donation) £1,080.00

To Couples being married in Fawsley Church

Based on experience and to ensure the smooth running of your church wedding your co-operation is requested in the following matters:

1.Music

If Cassandra Pratt is to be the organist, please ensure that you have her agreement to your choice of hymns and music at least 4 weeks beforehand. Her email is cvpratt41@aol.com

2.Seating

So we can plan and lay out a suitable seating arrangement for you, please ensure that your estimate of the numbers expected is provided and shown on the notice-board.

3.Parking

Apart from the official wedding car and those of the groom and ushers, the only vehicles permitted to park in the church field are for those involved directly in the preparation and running of the service, those who have equipment to carry and those transporting a person with severe walking difficulties or in a wheelchair. In wet conditions or when the ground is very soft, all those drivers should be asked by the gatekeeper to park on the right of the track close to the trees. This also applies to those attending the rehearsal. **All other cars should be parked at the hotel (if the reception is there) or on the roadside.** In very extreme conditions, further restrictions may need to be made. Such restrictions are regrettable but necessary in order to satisfy requirements laid down by The Fawsley Estate and are not negotiable.

4.Transporting your guests

If arrangements are made to transport your guests from the hotel to the church and back, it would be preferable, particularly when the ground is soft, for them to be dropped and collected at the church gate. If the vehicles need to enter the field, they should not be taken beyond the end of the stone track and then reverse back to the road.