

## 10. Order of Service

Although not strictly necessary, most wedding couples like to produce their own Order of Service for the ceremony. Although these can be very detailed it is quite possible to create one on a single sheet of A4 paper. We can provide a number of examples and you should agree yours with the Rector at least two weeks before the wedding, so that you can bring the final printed copies with you to the rehearsal, (so they can be kept safely at the church!). Please note that copyright issues can arise if you include modern material in Orders of Service, and the Rector can advise you on this. It is also a good idea to make sure you print extra copies off, especially if you are not including the bridal party in your numbers for printing off. There need to be copies at the front of church as no one expects the bridesmaid to carry them down the aisle!

## 11. First Anniversary and beyond

Your local church will always be there for you throughout your marriage if you need it. Even if your local church is not the place where you married, they would be delighted to mark your first anniversary by praying for you both.

It is our practice here to remember your first anniversaries by including you in our intercessions list praying for you both at a service in the church you chose here. We notify you in advance and hope you are able to attend. A warm welcome will await you.

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# Your Wedding St Mary the Virgin Badby



Your guide to getting married in our parish church



## 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.

### 7. The Big Day

The Rector and officers in the parish concerned will do all they can to make your day special and a really personal, meaningful and spiritual experience for you and your guests. Please feel free to contact one of the Church Wardens at your chosen church to help you with any practical matters or concerns.

### 8. Paying for your wedding

Now we want to explain what all this will cost. You will need to get a firm date booked with the Revd Sue Faulkner. An initial deposit of £200 will be required to secure the date for your wedding, which will be confirmed in writing.

You will be advised at the outset what all the fees and costs will be and these will be invoiced to you approximately six weeks before the wedding. Although organist and bell ringer fees are normally agreed and paid direct to them, we can assist you by including them in the one invoice and passing on those amounts for you.

We find that brides and grooms have so many things to think about immediately before the wedding, that it is best to get all this money part done with in good time.!

Payment in full of all fees should therefore be made at least 2 weeks before your wedding date, whether this is by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer..

### 9. Punctuality.

We have had occasions when brides or grooms have been extremely late and when there is a second wedding on the same day this can be badly affected as well, which is most unfair. Please also consider that if you are having bells rung or organ played before the service, , this is a physically demanding task and the later you are the longer the bells have to be rung for and the organist may be having to give a solo recital to all your waiting guests! .

in good time whether you will require an organist for music (our usual organists are normally willing to play if they are available, but you are free to choose your own), and the church bells to be rung (all five churches have peals of bells and they sound wonderful). There are separate extra charges for both of these items. See 8. below.

## 5. Banns

[Banns](#) are announcements in church of your intention to marry and a chance for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place. They are an ancient legal tradition and have been read out every week in churches across the land for millions of couples, over many centuries. **As a legal requirement, banns need to be read in the parish where each of you lives as well as the church in which you are to be married, if that is somewhere else, for three Sundays during the three months before the wedding.** This is often done over three consecutive Sundays but does not have to be, but the dates will be notified to you.

If there is not enough notice given for the banns to be read before the marriage is due to take place, or in the case of the marriage of people whose nationality is not British, or if one or both of you do not live in England, the Common Licence procedure needs to be used rather than banns. (This procedure also provides an opportunity to address any doubt there may be as to the legal requirements of the home country of a non-British person regarding the recognition of an English Church marriage.)

Banns certificates. These will need to be obtained from your home parish at a cost.

## 6. Rehearsal

Near your wedding day we like you to have a rehearsal; it can calm any nerves and help perfect the day itself. So you will usually have the opportunity to [rehearse](#) the ceremony with those who are involved and particularly with the priest who is to take the service. Within the churches of the Knightley Benefice, this is often done the day before the wedding. Please make sure you allow time for this.

## COSTS AND PAYMENTS (these are fees for 2015)

### FIRST PAYMENT (BOOKING DEPOSIT)

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

at the time of booking £ 200.00

### SECOND & FINAL PAYMENT

Two weeks before the wedding a final payment is due to 'Badby P C C' (cheques or Bank Transfer are accepted as well as cash)

It normally covers the following:

Statutory fees:

(Banns £28, Marriage Service £413 and Marriage Certificate £4) £ 445

Additional expenses: as required

Organist's fee (from January 2011) £ 60.00

Bell ringers' fee £ 90.00

Verger fee (someone from the church to make sure all is set ready, e.g. the toilets are unlocked and any seats needed are set up) £ 60.00

In winter there may be an additional charge for extra heating.

If you would like the church to provide the flowers in church you will need to arrange this with one of the church flower arrangers.

Obviously our lovely listed building requires a significant amount of upkeep. After the church has paid all the necessary expenses for your service it will be able to keep about £253 of your fees. If you or your guests would consider making a donation as well we would be really grateful. Donations also enable us to reclaim some tax money from the Government (the only government help a church is eligible for). Please do ask for a Gift Aid form for yourselves or consider some special wedding donation envelopes which we can provide for your guests to help us with this.

For further information

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[www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

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## A Simple Guide to getting married in one of the Knightley Benefice Churches.

**1. We want to start by saying thank you for considering one of our churches for your wedding. It is a very important day for you both and we have a lot of experience here to apply to making your day how special you want it to be. Our churches, priest and lay officers will be friendly and welcoming. In case you did not know a benefice is a group of parishes that share one priest. Our Priest and Rector is the Revd. Sue Faulkner.**

**2. First you want to choose a church**

The Churches within the Knightley Benefice are:

	<u>Post Code</u>
<b>Badby</b> – St Mary's	NN11 3AR
<b>Newnham</b> – St Michael and All Angel's	NN11 3ET
<b>Charwelton</b> – Holy Trinity	NN11 3YS
<b>Fawsley</b> – St Mary's	NN11 3BA
<b>Preston Capes</b> – St Peter & St Paul's	NN11 3TE

**3. Next call or email the Rector to discuss your wishes in the first instance.**

Revd Sue can be contacted on 01327 858018 or 07786 265 422 or [revsuefaulkner@aol.com](mailto:revsuefaulkner@aol.com).

The Benefice Administrator can be contacted on 07526 248 501 or [knightleybenefice@aol.co.uk](mailto:knightleybenefice@aol.co.uk).

It is a good idea to copy correspondence to both email addresses.

The postal address is The Revd Sue Faulkner, St Michael's Vicarage, 24a High St., Silverstone, NN12 8US

**4. Decisions to make regarding your wedding**

Amongst many things you will be asked what sort of number of guests may be attending, as these churches vary in size and car parking can need some consideration. Also you will have to decide