



wedding details and fees for 2017

Wedding date & time	
Bridegroom's full name	
Bride's full name	
Contact address & postcode	
telephone number[s]	
email	

The **optional facilities** you request will add a good deal to the day, and we shall make **every reasonable effort** to provide them. If for any reason we are not able to do so, **those fees** will be **adjusted appropriately** ; similarly, if for any reason the ceremony **does not start on time**, we reserve the right to **retain the fees for the extra facilities** in part or entirely. Fees are usually increased slightly in January every year, and they are **payable in advance**. Filling this form in and giving it back to us will be taken as your agreeing with these conditions and with the notes on the other side of this paper.

optional facilities			statutory fees	
we should like the bells to be rung	no/yes	£150.00	banns ³	£28.00
we should like flowers to be provided	no/yes	£90.00	service	£424.00
we should like there to be an organist ¹	no/yes	£125.00	certificate	£14.00
we should like a choir ²	no/yes	£250.00		
sub total				
+ statutory fees		£466.00		£466.00
final total				

¹ if you want any sort of music, this fee must be paid to our resident organist; for a number of reasons we are not able to allow the use of CDs at weddings. The organist is due double fees if a video recording is made.

² **choirs** are **subject to limited availability**; the fee may be reduced if a full choir is unavailable.

³ except in the rare cases when marriage is by licence and not after banns.

Please send the completed form to the parish clerk, Mrs Rosemary Lilley • 21 Salisbury Road • Carshalton • SM5 3HA together with a deposit cheque for £100 (payable to "Carshalton Rector & Churchwardens"). Mrs Lilley will also be able to help you with your enquiries (020 8395 8394) rosemarylilley@blueyonder.co.uk). God bless you both.

it is very important that you read the notes on the other side of this paper



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Modern weddings are full of expectations, and they are rather different from the expectations even of 25 years ago. A huge amount of very advanced planning is usual, and couples hope for a “Perfect Day”.

This isn't wise! Nothing in this life goes perfectly. So we try to do what we can to make things go smoothly. For that reason, it's important to say something about what the parish church can and can't do.

- We aren't like the **venue** which you book and hire, and where you hold the reception. Church weddings fit into a schedule of other services, and sometimes of other weddings. You will have our full attention, but other things claim our full attention too.
- We have the **legal duty** to control the times, the order of service, the music, where people stand and sit, where the furniture is placed, and how and when people move about. For instance, in this church the bride always enters before the bridesmaids.
- We are happy for people in the congregation to give extra readings or share in the prayers, and for other clergy to be involved : but for the sake of getting things right, we need to **know in advance** who would like to do what.
- Because of difficulties with copyright laws, **we can't allow the playing of recorded music** before, during or after the service : though we are allowed to be flexible at funerals, we are not at other services.
- Photographs from our point of view are fine : but, also because of copyright laws, unfortunately **we don't allow video cameras**.
- There are also some local **limitations** which mean that, for instance, it isn't possible to tie flowers on the ends of the pews, or scatter confetti inside the church, or bring in balloons.
- We keep the very ancient Christian custom that men and boys do not wear **hats** inside church.
- Think carefully before you ask **under sevens** to act as bridesmaids or pages, especially if they haven't started school : they can be very distracting at a most important moment. The vows you will be taking are the most important things you will ever say in public. They need your full attention, and everybody else's too.
- And finally, please do try to arrive **on time**. There are many reasons why a bride may arrive late, and not all of them are in her control. But the organist, the bellringers and the priest usually have other commitments. They expect to be available only for up to an hour. After that, they have every right to go, and take their fee with them; or start with another wedding.

This all sounds very forbidding, but really it isn't meant to be. It's the fruit of long experience of a lot of weddings. The great majority of weddings go without a hitch, and we want yours to be one of them. God bless you.

John Thewlis, Rector