



Getting Married in Central Telford Parish

## We are booked .... What's Next?

**So you've been to Wedding desk, paid the deposit and you're all booked in .... what do you need to do now?**

### Let's Talk Money – Sorry, But We Have To!

When you go to Wedding Desk, they will explain the cost of your wedding in church and it varies, depending on what you have as a part of your service. There is a basic amount which includes the cost of the Church, the Vicar, the other people involved (such as the Organist and the Verger) and a few other bits and bobs. Then there are optional extras (such as a Choir or the Church bells rung) which you may choose to add on for an extra amount. At Wedding Desk, they will tell you the total cost – however, we need to say that some of the legal fees (which we have to pay on your behalf) change each year, so if you are getting married in another calendar year, there may be a small increase on 1<sup>st</sup> January following your booking.



### When do we need the fees paid?

You can pay off the fees at any point up until 3 weeks before the date of the wedding. You can do it by coming into Wedding Desk and paying cash or with a debit card, or by paying online into the following account:

Account Name:	Central Telford Parish
Account Number:	00007612
Sort Code:	30-18-55
Reference:	<i>Wedding Date Name*</i>

#### Wedding Date Name\*

Please put as the reference, "Wedding" followed by the date of your wedding and at least one of your names. For example: **wedding 04 06 2016 Smith**

Please also send an email to [weddingpayment@telfordchurch.co.uk](mailto:weddingpayment@telfordchurch.co.uk) to tell us you've paid.

### When your Banns will be read.

"Banns" are where the announcement of your wedding is made in Church and is part of the legal process. The Minister who marries you will act as the Registrar, so it is vital that we have all of your details down correctly from the start. If one of you lives in another parish, then you will have to arrange to see the Vicar of that parish so that you can fill in a Banns Form in that parish. The Banns in the Churches in Central Telford Parish are usually read in one of the morning services of the parish in which you live and are read on the first three Sundays of the month but one preceding your wedding. Complicated, yes, but it will become clear!! You will need to check when the Banns are being read in the other parish and bring a Certificate from the Vicar of that Parish to prove they have been read. You don't need to attend the reading of your Banns, but many people like to go along to hear them!

## Some dates that you need to keep in the diary for meetings.

We want to make sure that not only does everything go smoothly in the Church on your wedding date but also that we can prepare you for the promises you are going to be making in front of your friends and family, and in front of God. So once we have booked everything, we will arrange a few meetings and it is part of your responsibility to ensure that you attend all of these:

- ❖ The Vicar who will be performing the ceremony will arrange to meet up with you to chat through the various aspects of the preparation with you and to get to know you.
- ❖ We will also invite you on a **Marriage Day** when we aim to help you think more about what your new married life entails. This is a very relaxed day, held along with other couples, usually in a bistro, with the cost of a meal thrown in!
- ❖ There will be a **Service Preparation Evening** when we aim to help you understand the nature of marriage and the promises you will be making at your wedding.
- ❖ Finally, there will be the date of your **Wedding Rehearsal**, usually a couple of days before the wedding, when we go through the service so that you will be confident of what to say and where to stand on the big day!

**Our prayer is that God will bless you in your new life together and will equip you to have the most abundant relationship possible!**

