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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT

We are excited that you are considering getting married at St Luke's Church. We believe marriage is a gift from God which brings a man and a woman together as husband and wife. The Bible begins and ends with a wedding and in the Bible, marriage pictures something of the depth of love that Jesus has for his followers. The relationship between Jesus and his followers is the model for every marriage.

Your wedding day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate your love and a significant moment as you make lifelong promises of commitment to each other before God and before your family and friends.



GETTING MARRIED HERE

In order to get married at St Luke's, you need to demonstrate your connection to the Church, in one of these ways:-

- You are a regular member of St Luke's Church.
- You or your parents live in the parish
- You or your parents (after you were born), lived in the parish for at least 6 months
- You were baptised or confirmed at St Luke's Church
- Your parents or grandparents were married at St Luke's

WHAT TO DO NEXT

The next stage is to fill in a wedding application form and to arrange to meet with one of the ministers here by speaking to them after a service or using the contact details below. This meeting will be a chance to get to know you, set a date, take some details, and begin to discuss some of the elements of your wedding. It is also a great opportunity for you to ask any questions that you have.



DON'T LIVE IN THE PARISH?

If you don't live in St Luke's parish you will need to arrange for banns of marriage (announcements that you are planning to get married) to be read in your local church.

We can help you work that out when you meet with one of the ministers, or you can type your postcode into www.achurchnearyou.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We encourage all couples who get married at St Luke's to come along to marriage preparation. This is usually one Saturday morning or across a few weekday evenings. Marriage preparation is a chance to look at the picture of marriage the Bible gives, to think through some of the practical things for building a strong marriage, and for you to think a bit more about your wedding service.

CONTACT US

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is a basic cost to getting married in a Church of England church. You can find this cost at:-

www.yourchurchwedding.org/article/the-cost-of-church-weddings

Or by asking us. There may be additional costs such as heating, an organist, and ringing the church bells.

WHAT BIBLE READINGS, HYMNS AND MUSIC SHOULD WE CHOOSE?

You don't need to have already decided Bible readings or hymns. When you meet with one of the ministers here they can share some suggestions with you.

WHAT IF ONE OF US HAS BEEN MARRIED BEFORE?

If a previous marriage ended in divorce, and your former spouse is still alive, you would not normally be able to get married at St Luke's. There are, however, circumstances in which remarriage after divorce would be considered but this would need to be discussed. You can read more about this here: www.yourchurchwedding.org/article/marriage-after-divorce

WILL THERE BE A REHEARSAL?

We will arrange a wedding rehearsal close to your wedding day so that you can run through some of the practicalities and get a feel for what will happen on the day.

