

Getting married at All Saints Church, Writtle

Thank you for enquiring about getting married in All Saints Church, Writtle. Before booking your wedding and reception, please read our policy document carefully.

You are required to have a Qualifying Connection with the parish of Writtle BEFORE you can book your wedding with us. Here are the ways in which you can establish a QC.

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 (christened) in the parish concerned, or
- is confirmed and your confirmation was entered in the register of confirmations for a church or chapel in the parish (this will usually be the case if you were prepared for confirmation in the parish), or
- has at any time regularly (twice per month) 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 consecutive 6 months

or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

• was married in the parish

You will be expected to attend three Marriage Preparation sessions to prepare for your wedding.

If you need to establish a QC, please allow at least eight months BEFORE your proposed wedding date. Your wedding date cannot be confirmed until you have a QC. Therefore, you should not send invitations out until your QC is established.

If you have any questions, please contact our weddings administrator by email: weddingswrittle@gmail.com or phone the church office: 01245 422846.

WEDDING PLANNERS

A wedding in a church is the responsibility of the priest and everything that happens, happens under their authority. A Wedding Planner should allow approximately 45 minutes for the wedding ceremony but they are not required inside the church.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

Going to your special church makes time for you to get to know us and making your big day even more meaningful. Come to church at least once per month to join with us in worship. All services are now at 10am unless there is a special festival.

TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Two official wedding cars (not private cars) can park outside the church. There is limited space for guests to park their cars so we suggest car sharing from your reception venue.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please ask your professional photographer to speak to the priest before the wedding

CHURCH FABRIC

All Saints Church is a beautiful, ancient building which requires specialist maintenance from time to time. It is possible that building work, which may require scaffolding, could be carried out at any time.

For any further information regarding any aspect of your wedding, please contact our Weddings Administrator, <u>weddingswrittle@gmail.com</u> or our Parish Office - 01245 422846

Web address: www.allsaints-writtle.org.uk

The Church of England website is a useful source of information about all aspects of marrying in church http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/default.aspx
Map https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.7293336,0.4269518,18z

Your checklist:	Months before wedding	Your dates
Complete provisional booking forms	12-24 months	
Banns forms completed	6-12 months	
Attend three wedding preparation sessions	2-3 months	
Prepare Order of Service	2 months	
All Fees - cheque/BACs payment	1-2 months	
Rehearsal Banns certificate from	1 week	
another church presented		

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