



**The Parish of
St. Peter, Paul and
Thomas of
Canterbury, Bovey
Tracey with St. Mary,
Hennock**



Getting Married in Church

We want your wedding to be a very happy occasion and these notes are meant to help in your preparation. If there are things not covered by them which you need to know, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be only too pleased to help.

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What you need to know...

The Legalities

Having a **Qualifying Connection** to the Parish is a legal requirement.

You have a qualifying connection if either the Bride or Groom:

- was baptised in the parish. (This does not apply where the baptism formed part of a combined service of baptism or confirmation); or
- had his or her confirmation entered in a church register book of a church or chapel in the parish; or
- has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
- has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months; or

a Parent of the Bride or Groom has at any time during that person's lifetime:

- had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
- habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months; or a Parent or Grandparent of the Bride or Groom was married in the parish.

Banns or Licence? The usual, and cheapest is the **calling of banns**. This is a legal way of advertising your wedding and if one of you lives outside the parish you must arrange for banns to be called in your home parish and obtain a certificate from the Vicar after they have been called. I shall need to have that certificate in order to marry you. **A Licence** may be required under certain circumstances such as where one party is not British. At least one of you ought to be baptised, and the other must not reject the Christian faith.

The Spiritual Reality

By asking for a wedding in church you have begun to recognise that marriage is more than a legal ceremony. The church is not only the traditional and beautiful setting for a wedding, but a place in which the legal ceremony of marriage is given the blessing which God intends for all his creatures. The wedding service is a Christian ceremony, conducted according to the rules of the Church of England. Every couple has the legal right to such a ceremony.

The Practicalities

Wedding Preparation In addition to an interview with the Vicar we ask you to attend a day of preparation, led by the Vicar and another church staff member. You will be invited to these personally and those who have attended them have said how helpful and enjoyable they were. There is no charge for this day. We want to do everything we can to make, not just the day, go well, but the rest of your lives together.

The cost of the wedding Wedding Fees are charged according to a table published by the Church Commissioners and are printed in Appendix A of this leaflet. Fees should be paid on receipt of the invoice one month prior to the wedding.

Wedding order of Service Most couples want to produce their own service orders, but there are many pitfalls to avoid, including legal issues of Copyright Licensing, and we have the experience to help you. See Appendix B for details.

Bells and Choir may be arranged, subject to availability.

Flowers The churches are always decorated, except for the seasons of Advent (December) or Lent (the six weeks before Easter), when the church is bare. You may decorate the church with flowers for the day, but must be prepared to remove them after the service.

If you require special arrangements we recommend "All things bright & beautiful": for PPT call Helen on 01626 834910 or for St Mary's call Rachel on 01626 835610 who will be pleased to advise and help you. PLEASE TELL YOUR FLOWER ARRANGERS NOT

TO DISPOSE OF OTHER FLOWERS IN CHURCH- they may be in memory of a recent funeral. They should be moved to the lady chapel. (additional information available for St Mary's)

Music and Hymns You will probably want to print your own service sheets, this enables you to choose hymns from a wide variety of sources. A suggested list is printed in Appendix C. The Vicar will also be pleased to help in your choice of music.

Ushers It is customary for two or three ushers to be on duty before the ceremony and to assist in any clearing up afterwards.

Punctuality We ask brides to be at the church on time as it is discourteous to all concerned to be late. It is unfair on organist and bellringers for them to be compelled to keep playing indefinitely. Please allow plenty of time and make arrangements with taxis etc. with this in mind. Remember the photographer will take photos before the service, the bride should aim to arrive ten minutes before the service. In this way the service can begin on time with everyone relaxed rather than rushing in at the last minute, or late.

Video Recordings of the service are permitted if they are done by a qualified video operator with a copyright licence, and by prior arrangement with the Vicar. We can cover the use of music in church included in your video recording, but not the recording of any music used at the Reception. Alternatively, you may arrange a single licence for the day through www.videolicence.co.uk Alteration of arrangements please contact the Church Office or Vicar and in the event of a cancellation or postponement let them know immediately and any others with whom you have made arrangements.

Other Practical Points:

- You can obtain a passport for the bride in her married name.
- You do not need a service sheet. We can provide hymn books for your guests.
- The photographer does not need to contact the vicar until she/he arrives for the wedding
- Confetti may only be used at the Church gates. Please encourage your guests to use paper or natural petals. NOT metallic or fabric which do not decay naturally.

Checklist – see Appendix E

Please park the bride's car in the Tower gate, not in front of Church Steps, which is a private residence.

A PRAYER FOR YOU TO USE IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR WEDDING

"God, in your great love you have given us the gift of marriage. Bless us as we pledge our lives to each other. Unite our wills with your will, that we may grow together in love and peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord"

May God bless you in your preparations.

Appendix A
WEDDING FEES FROM JANUARY 2022

Preliminaries	
Calling Banns of Marriage	£32
Certificate of Banns <i>(not needed at the church where the marriage is held)</i>	£16
Standard Fee for Marriage Service	£480
Warden / Verger	£30
Extras	
Church heating (Bovey Tracey)	£60
Church heating (Hennock)	£25
Organist (double if recorded on video)	£120
Bells at Bovey Tracey	£180
Bells at Hennock	£50
Choir (Subject to availability)	£90
Fee for video recording	£150

An invoice will be sent to you at the beginning of the year, and should be paid one month prior to the service. Receipts can be provided on request.

Appendix B: A Sample outline of the Wedding Order of service

Many couples like to produce their own special orders of service, but do not have experience of common issues of font size, pagination, and copyright. PLEASE send your draft versions to the vicar who will spot potential issues, before you print them.

ON THE FRONT PAGE PUT THE PERSONAL DETAILS.....

Who is getting married....where... at what time and day.

The name of our church is

St. Peter, Paul and Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey.

If the wedding is in Hennock, then the name of the church is

St Mary, Hennock.

In addition to the names of the bride and groom, you can also put the name of the best man, bridesmaids, ushers, if you wish.

WEDDING MARCH see Appendix C. The use of recorded music can be covered by a Church's Performing Rights Copyright licence, © CCL 309195.

THE MARRIAGE There is no need to reprint the words of the service: service books will be given to those who need them. You may choose to conduct the marriage ceremony immediately after the first hymn, or to prepare for that moment by having readings and an address before the ceremony.

THE READING You must choose one reading from the Bible. You may choose a second reading - a poem - etc, with the Vicar's approval . A list of suggested bible readings is provided in Appendix D.

THE ADDRESS

A HYMN see Appendix C. The words of hymns can be printed using the Church Copyright licence, © CCL 30195

THE PRAYERS

A THIRD HYMN IF REQUIRED

BLESSING

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS If you have a soloist, or special music at this point you can list the details.

WEDDING MARCH This is the music in which you leave the Church . The traditional wedding march is by Mendelssohn. Appendix C

Appendix C

A list of suggested Hymns and Music

Hymns of Praise to God

O worship the King
Praise my soul the king of heaven
Praise to the Lord the almighty
For the beauty of the earth King of Glory, king of peace
O Praise ye the Lord
Now thank we all our God

Hymns of Prayer and guidance

Father, hear the prayer we offer
Come down, O love divine
God of mercy, God of grace
The king of Love
Love divine, all loves excelling
Lead us heavenly
Father Be thou my vision
Lord Jesus Christ
Lord of all hopefulness
The Lord's my shepherd
Give me joy in my heart

Organ Music to enter

Bridal Suite from Lohengrin (Wagner)
Trumpet Voluntary - Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Tune - Purcell
Trumpet Tune - Charpentier
and at the end, use a big piece of music, such as
Wedding March- Mendelssohn
Toacata from 5th symphony - Widor
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - Handel

Some hymns are not very appropriate for weddings- though they are popular, such as 'Fight the good fight', 'Jerusalem' and 'I vow to thee my country', as they are about Patriotism rather than love and marriage.

Appendix D

Bible Readings for Weddings

1 Corinthians 13:

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Ephesians 3.14 - end

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Appendix E

Colossians 3.12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you

richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 5.21-33

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no-one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

1 John 4.7-12

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Matthew 7.21-27

Jesus said "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish

man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Genesis 1.26-31

God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day. Appendix E

John 2.1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

John 15.9

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you

and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. Appendix E

Romans 12.1-2,9-13 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

Mark 10.6-9

"Jesus said, "Now at the beginning of creation God `made them male and female'.

`For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

These readings are taken from the New International Version

Appendix E

Practical Points / checklist:

This is a check list of practical points, to save you taking notes or trying to remember everything. Please take it away, mark your choices, add your names, and return it to the Vicar.

There are some choices which you need to make:

p.5 The bride may choose To be given away : or
Not to be given away

p.6 Bride does not promise to obey or
Bride promises to obey

p.8 to use one ring or
two rings

p.10 a Reading of your choice - see the leaflet of suggestions
a guest who will read

p.10 the set prayers or other prayers of your choice - please make suggestions to the
Vicar and he will advise what is appropriate.
Set Prayers
Other

Your choice of music:

For the entry of the bride:
During the signing of Registers:
Procession out at the end of the service:
up to three Hymns:

Appendix F

Note on fraud from Devon and Cornwall Police

During "Wedding Season", and for those individuals who are considering making plans for next year and beyond, you should be aware of the potential risks of fraud involved.

According to 'hitched.co.uk', in 2019 the average wedding cost spend is approximately £31,974. This will be paid out to multiple vendors, including; photographers, caterers, reception venues and travel companies, to name a few. Many of these services will require booking at least several months in advance and you may be obliged to pay a deposit or even the full balance at the time.

Being aware of the potential risks and following the below prevention advice could minimise the likelihood of fraud:

Paying by Credit Card will provide you with protection under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, for purchases above £100 and below £30,000. This means that even if a Company goes into liquidation before your big day, you could claim a refund through your Credit Card Company.

Social Media - Some Companies run their businesses entirely via social media sites, offering low cost services. Whilst many are genuine, some may not be insured or may even be fraudulent. There are a few things you can do to protect yourself;

- Ensure you obtain a physical address and contact details for the vendor and verify this information. Should you experience any problems, you will then be able to make a complaint to Trading Standards or consider pursuing via the Small Claims Court.
- Ensure you obtain a contract before paying money for services. Make certain you fully read and understand what you are signing and note the terms of cancellation.

Consider purchasing Wedding Insurance - Policies vary in cover and can be purchased up to two years in advance. They can protect you from events that would not be covered under the Consumer Credit Act.

Complete research on each vendor, ensuring you are dealing with a bona fide person or company. Explore the internet for reviews and ratings and ask the vendor to provide details of past clients you can speak to. You should do this even if using companies recommended by a trustworthy friend or source.

For services such as wedding photographers, beware of websites using fake images. Look for inconsistencies in style; Meet the photographer in person and ask to view sample albums. If you like an image from a wedding, ask to view the photographs taken of the whole event so you can see the overall quality.

Remember, if something appears too good to be true, it probably is!