



Your Wedding
in the
United Benefice
of
Farndon with Hawton,
Cotham & Thorpe

Dear

Here in the United Benefice of Farndon with Hawton, Cotham & Thorpe, we want your wedding to go as smoothly as possible. To that end we have put together this booklet to try to help with any queries you may have.

Revd David Milner

Banns of Marriage

We shall be publishing Banns of Marriage for you in the church in which you intend to marry on the first three Sundays of the month prior to which you are getting married. For more information on services and times please ring the Rectory on 01636 650063 between Monday to Thursday 9.30 to 3.00pm.

This means that at the beginning of that service we shall announce that you (and other couples perhaps) intend to be married soon. There is no legal requirement for you to attend but we would be very pleased to see and welcome you as you begin this important phase in your life together.

You will also need to arrange for your banns to be read in the parish/es in which you both live, if these are different to the one in which you are marrying. *It is your responsibility to arrange this.* There will be a fee for this payable to the relevant parish. If you have not already contacted the vicar of this parish, please do so as soon as possible. Make sure that he/she informs you when the Banns are to be published; and also when you will be able to collect a certificate after publication. Please let us have the certificate as soon as you are given it. Then the legal preparation for your wedding will be complete. **Please note that without the certificate it will not be possible to go ahead with your wedding.**

Wedding Fees

For a full breakdown of fees please see the invoice enclosed. There are statutory items which it is compulsory for you to pay for, the other items are optional extras, and it will be necessary for you to discuss these with the priest marrying you and let us know in plenty of time for us to arrange these for you.

Please talk to us as soon as possible if you would like a video recording, as there are fees associated with having a video and there are regulations to consider regarding performing rights.

May we ask you to pay the fee in full at least one month prior to the wedding. Alternatively you may pay in instalments, if this makes things easier for you. Payments can be made either at the Vestry, Tuesday evenings between 7 and 7.30 pm, or at the Rectory, 3 Marsh Lane, Farndon, between 9.30 and 3.00 am Mondays and Tuesdays or between 9 and 1.00 pm on Thursdays.

Planning Meeting

We would like to meet with you before your wedding to make sure that everything goes as smoothly as possible. This will be a chance to discuss the service and your personal preparations for the day.

During the meeting the Vicar will arrange a rehearsal for your marriage service. This will take place in church a few days before the wedding. Usually bridesmaids, parents and the best man are invited but don't worry if they are not all able to attend.

You can arrange this meeting by ringing the Rectory on 01636 650063, or alternatively emailing on nsdeaneryoffice@gmail.com. We usually find that approximately 2-3 months before the wedding is a good time to meet.

Music

You will need to give consideration to the hymns which will be sung at your wedding, either two or three, and to the music played when you arrive and leave. These can be discussed with the priest marrying you.

Flowers

It is not automatically expected that you will provide flowers for the church on your wedding day (there will most likely be some flowers in church in any case). To discuss your flower arrangements for the day please ring Mrs Rose Kelham on 01636 686493.

Order of Service

We do have the facility to print your order of services for you and this can also be discussed at the meeting or by ringing the Rectory.

Points of Contact

St. Peter's Church, Farndon is open every Tuesday from 7pm to 7.30 pm, where there will always be somebody to speak to and answer any queries you may have. Alternatively you may call the Rectory, and speak with Louise Riley (Revd David Milner's secretary) on 01636 650063, any time Monday, Tuesday 9.30 to 3pm, or Thursday 9.00 to 1.00pm or alternatively ring and leave a message and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Email: nsdeaneryoffice@gmail.com

Please do contact us if you have any further questions or problems. We can assure you that every couple and every service are important to us and we want the occasion to be very special, personal and enjoyable for you and your guests.

Yours sincerely

Revd David Milner
Vicar of Farndon with Hawton, Cotham & Thorpe
Area Dean of Newark & Southwell Deanery

