

TRING TEAM PARISH

St. John the Baptist, Aldbury - All Saints, Long Marston -
St Mary, Puttenham - St Peter & St Paul, Tring -
St Cross, Wilstone

St John the Baptist, Aldbury 2023 Wedding Information



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Welcome

We are delighted that you would like to be married in church and are here to help you prepare for your wedding day. A church is not a wedding venue, it is a worshipping community where throughout the generations couples have come to have their love for each other blessed by God and to make solemn vows of lifelong commitment in front of God and his people. The community here at St John the Baptist will be praying for you as you prepare for your wedding. Hopefully you will join with us at the 10am Sunday worship as part of your wedding preparations.

We will help you plan your service so that your friends and family can take part and witness you making your vows of love to each other. If you have a dream for your wedding then don't be afraid to ask, it might just be possible! This leaflet contains important details about your wedding, you might also like to visit yourchurchwedding.org for further information and inspiration!

Contact details

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Bells	Ann Denwood	827602	manndenwood@yahoo.co.uk
Organist	Jackie Robinson	851295	
Flowers	Caroline Ellwood	851300	

Please remember that it is your responsibility to contact these people to confirm the details of your wedding. You must confirm with them no later than two months before your wedding, what is required.

Legalities

Marriage is both a religious and legal ceremony. It is important that we follow the correct legal procedures. The normal legal process is for banns of marriage to be published in church. Banns may be published for:

1. anyone who lives within the Tring Team Parish;
2. anyone with a 'qualifying connection' with the Tring Team Parish;
3. anyone on the church electoral roll of the Tring Team Parish.

There is more information about this on a separate sheet in your wedding pack. From 2nd of March 2015 a new law means that both of you will need to show something to confirm your identity (passport, photo card drivers licence etc.) and something else that would confirm your address, utility bill, bank statement (not more than 3 months old) to the minister before your wedding to prove your nationality, this can be done at one of your meetings. If you are not a British or European national please let the minister know as soon as possible so that a superintendent registrar's certificate can be arranged in good time. If in any doubt at all please call the minister. If you are planning to change your name and get a new passport for the honeymoon, there is a form the clergy can sign to enable this.

The Publication of Banns

Your banns will normally be called at the church of St John the Baptist, Aldbury at the 10am Service on the first three Sundays two months before your wedding - i.e. if your wedding is in June the banns will be called on the first three Sundays in April. You should attend at least once when they are read. Where one or both of you, live outside the parish, you must contact the vicar of the parish in which you live to arrange for banns to be called in that parish church. After they have been called a certificate will be issued (for which you will have to pay a fee). You must give the certificate to the minister conducting your wedding. They have to have seen this before the wedding can go ahead.

Marriage in church after divorce

The Church teaches that marriage is a lifelong commitment. However we recognise that for number of reasons marriages can fail. Since 2002 the Church has made it possible, in some circumstances, for there to be a subsequent marriage after divorce. If either of you has been married before please mention this at an early point. There will need to be a frank and open conversation about the previous relationship.

Marriage Certificate

From 4th May 2021 marriage certificates are no longer issued at the time of marriage. After your wedding you will need to apply online <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/certificate>. The cost will be £11 for each copy and will be posted to the address you request via 2nd Class Post. Your certificate should arrive within 15 days after the application.



Other information

Officiating Minister

It may not be possible for the minister who first meets you to conduct your service, however we are part of a Team parish and there other priests who can conduct your service. The minister will let you know well in advance.

Orders of Service

You will need to discuss this with the minister conducting the service to ensure that the order is printed correctly.

Church Music

Our organist will help you with your music choices for the wedding. You may wish to visit the website www.tringchurchmusic.org.uk/weddings to look at some suggestions. There are recordings of entrance and exit music, recordings of hymn tunes and the words, and suggestions for the signing of the registers. Please also note that if you are using CD music and you wish to video the wedding you will probably need a licence (please see www.ccli.co.uk). Please make contact with the organist at the earliest opportunity.



Wedding Costs for 2023

We try and keep the cost of your wedding as low as possible. The basic wedding cost is **£569.00**, which includes the marriage fees as laid down by Parliament, the fee for the Publication of Banns of Marriage, and a charge of £30 which is paid to a verger to get the church ready for your wedding.

We do however hope that you will make an additional donation of £50 to the church. This is voluntary so that those who really cannot afford to pay are still able to get married in church. Also by being a donation you are able to gift aid this part of your wedding fee.

Between October and March we will charge an extra £50 for heating. We will put the heat on for at least an hour before your wedding but please note that it won't ever get as warm as a house!

On top of the basic fee are some optional extras:

- Organist £85** Any special arrangements demanding significant additional time on the part of the organist may be charged additionally at £25 per hour by prior agreement. Please note any recordings made during the service are for personal not-for-profit use only.
- Bells £150** The bells will be rung for 20 minutes after the service
Subject to current Covid regulations
- Flowers £65** This is the charge for arranging the flowers, the cost of flowers is extra. Caroline is happy to discuss your requirements. If preferred, the provision of your own flowers can be discussed. When there is more than one wedding on a day, agreement is needed between the couples on the style/colours of flowers. Please call Caroline at least 8 weeks before your wedding to discuss flowers or to let us know that you are providing your own flowers.

What happens next?

- Space to think** (12—6 months before) we would like to meet up with you to think about the vows you are going to make. We would also like to invite you to join us at our Sunday morning services so you can get used to the church and to have an opportunity to think about the vows you will take in the presence of God
- The Order of Service** (4—2 months before) we will arrange to meet with you to help you plan your service, but before it is printed to make sure everything is in place and to answer any of your questions.
- Banns** we will invite you to hear your banns being called on the first three Sundays two months preceding your wedding (i.e. if you are married in August it will be the first three Sundays of June)
- Rehearsal** we would like to have a rehearsal one evening in the week before your wedding
- First Anniversary** we will invite you back to church on your first Anniversary when we will pray for you.

A final word

We are not a wedding business, we are a church. As such we do not take a deposit for your wedding. If your plans change please do us the courtesy of letting us know. And remember we are here to help you so don't hesitate in calling for more information, or speak to someone after the services in church.