

## Wedding Costs for 2023

The basic wedding cost is **£569**, which includes the marriage fees as laid down by Parliament, a verger fee and the fee for the Publication of Banns of Marriage. We hope that you will seriously consider making a donation of £50 to the church. This can be gift aided. Between October and March we will put the heating on full first thing in the morning BUT even then in a medieval church it will not be as warm as in your house!

Other costs are:

**Organist £85** If extra sessions are needed the organist can charge £25 per hour by agreement with you. Please note any recordings made during the service are personal not-for-profit use only.

**Bells £120** 15 minutes before the wedding and 15 minutes after

**Flowers** please contact Christine Rutter as above

Bells will be subject to current Covid regulations

### **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 would like to meet up with you to when you have had a chance to 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 first three Sundays two months preceding your wedding (ie 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**

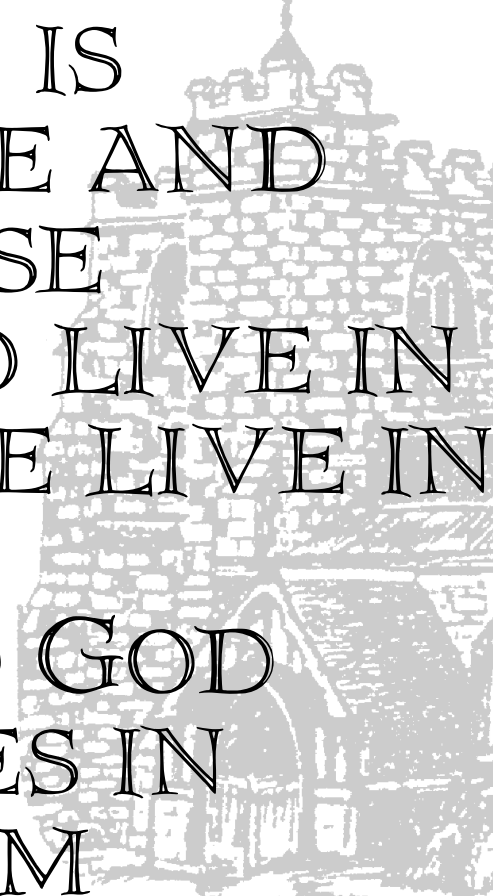
we will invite you back to church on your First Anniversary when we will pray for you.

#### **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.

# TRING TEAM PARISH

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



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St Mary's Puttenham  
2023 Wedding Information

## 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 Mary's will be praying for you as you prepare for your wedding. Hopefully you will join with us at Sunday worship as part of your wedding preparations.

## Contact details

**Clergy** Huw Bellis 01442 822170 huw@tringteamparish.org.uk  
Jane Banister 01442 822170 jane@tringteamparish.org.uk  
Michelle Grace 01442 851200 michelle@tringteamparish.org.uk

### **Church Warden** (for booking Church and hall if needed)

Christine Rutter 01296 668337 christine.rutter2@gmail.com

**Bells** there are 3 bells at Puttenham. Huw can try and arrange for Tring bell ringers to come and ring them.

**Organist** Peter Willett 01844 343487 pandbw@waitrose.com

**Flowers** Christine Rutter *as above*

***Please remember that it is your responsibility to contact these people to confirm the details of your wedding. You must confirm with them what is required two months before your wedding.***

## 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

### **The Publication of Banns**

Your banns will normally be called in Puttenham at 3.30pm Service on the first 3 Sundays two months before your wedding - i.e. if your wedding is in June then your banns will be called on the first three Sundays of 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 of applying.

## Other information

### **Officiating Minister**

It may not be possible for the Rector to conduct your service, however we are part of a Team parish and there other priests who can conduct your service. The Rector 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 order is printed correctly.

### **Church Music**

Live music is often preferable. The organ in St Mary's is perfect for a small country church but please remember it isn't the same as some of the mighty instruments in the great cathedrals. Please talk to our organist to make sure that the music you choose will work on it. You may also wish to visit Tring's website [www.tringchurchmusic.org.uk/](http://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.