

# Getting married



## At Horfield Parish Church



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## **Getting married at Horfield Church**

Congratulations on your engagement, and welcome to Horfield Parish Church with its history that goes back well over 1,000 years.

You will already have been asked by a member of the clergy for some personal information. This is needed to prepare the legal documents involved in the registration of your marriage.

### **Preparation Conference**

A short conference will be held some months before your wedding date. The time will be informal, and will give you the opportunity to go through the service itself (and so make good connections between you as you are and the actual text) and to discuss all the practical arrangements for your wedding.

*The following details will be fully discussed at the Preparation Conference:*

### **Banns**

These must be called on 3 consecutive Sundays in your parish church (es) no more than 3 months prior to the date of your wedding (i.e. if you live in separate parishes arrange for them to be read in each). It is your responsibility to arrange this. You must ensure that any Banns certificates from other parishes are given to the clergy before your wedding day, as *you cannot be married without them*.

### **Electoral Roll:**

You are entitled to be married at Horfield Parish Church if you a) live in the parish, or b) have strong family connections with the church or the parish. Otherwise, if you live outside the parish of Horfield you are, by law, required to be on our electoral roll before your banns can be read here and before your wedding can take place. To apply for inclusion on the electoral roll you must come to services regularly for 6 months. You may like to discuss this with one of the clergy.

### **Baptism:**

It is possible to be married in church if you have not been baptized (christened); but you may like to think about being baptized before the wedding, and discuss the idea with one of the clergy.

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**Organist:**

You will need to choose music for the bride to enter to and music for your exit. Most people also have three hymns, but the number is up to you. You can discuss your choice of music with our organist, Glyn Jenkins, after the 10am Sunday service. His telephone number is 0117 3300792. The choir is also available to sing at your wedding, please discuss this with Glyn.

**Bells:**

We will need to know at the Preparation Conference whether you would like to have the bells rung after the wedding ceremony.

**Flowers:**

It is your decision as to who arranges your flowers on the day, but please ring Peter Day on 07860 296194(*summer months only*) or Bobby Brown on 0117 962 2941 to advise them on what you have decided to do. They lead the team of church flower arrangers who weekly decorate the church and could be very helpful in helping you come to a decision as to how to decorate the church for your special day.

**Confetti:**

Please tell your guests not to throw confetti in the churchyard. It may only be thrown outside the gates.

**Video recording and photography:**

The copyright fee you will have paid allows you to take a video recording of the service. Photographs may also be taken during the ceremony, but artificially “posed” shots are strongly discouraged. It is best if the photographer consults with the officiating minister before the service begins.

**Current Fees:**

£510.00 inclusive of the Marriage Service, Marriage Certificate, Publication of Banns, Verger and permission to video record the service. Optional additions: Organist £90, Bells £60, Choir £60. **£100 is payable as a non-returnable deposit at the time of booking.**

Please pay the balance at the church at the Saturday Surgery (6.00pm any Saturday) or directly to the Church Office no later than a month before your wedding. The balance will be **£385.00 by cheque payable to ‘Horfield PCC’ and the remaining £25 + payment for Organist, Choir and Bells as selected, in cash** to cover disbursements.

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## **Our Church Organist**

Glyn was born in North Wales, and after studying at Cambridge, arrived in Bristol in 1979 to teach in the Music Department at the University here.

Since then, he has conducted many choirs in and around Bristol, including the highly-respected Bristol Bach Choir. He took over as Director of Music at Horfield on Easter Sunday, 2003.



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## **THE BELLS**

The oldest bells in the tower date from 1773 - so have been ringing out in celebration over the parish since the reign of George III. The heaviest bell weighs just over a third of a ton, which is quite small in terms of church bells, but even so there is only room for five bells in the tower - making them unique in Bristol.

The bell ringers are available to ring the bells after your wedding, timing their start so as to make a joyful sound as you exit the church - announcing to all in the area the beginning of your life as a married couple.

If you have guests who are themselves ringers, we will be more than happy to accommodate them in the tower during the ringing.



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# Marriage Fees 2011

## **Statutory fees**

Publication of banns	£22
Marriage service	£262
Marriage Certificate	£3.50

Total: **£287.50 (diocese £144.50, PCC £143)**

## **Additional fees**

Church Expenses	<b>£152.50</b>	
Video/photography	<b>£50.00</b>	
Verger	<b>£25.00</b>	<b>(in cash please)</b>

## **Optional extras**

Organist	£90.00	<b>(in cash please)</b>
Bells	£60.00	<b>(in cash please)</b>
Choir	£60.00	<b>(in cash please)</b>

## **Overall options**

Total without organ	<b>£515.00</b>	(£490 cheque and £25 cash)
Total with organ only	<b>£605.00</b>	(£490 cheque and £115 cash)
Total with organ + bells	<b>£665.00</b>	(£490 cheque and £175 cash)
Total with organ, bells & choir	<b>£725.00</b>	(£490 cheque and £235 cash)

The PCC should receive £490 per wedding, of which £144.50 is payable to the diocese.

**£100 is payable as a non-returnable deposit at the time of booking  
(cheques made payable to Horfield PCC)**

## **Banns for people being married elsewhere**

Publication of banns	£22
Certificate of banns	£12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£34</b>

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**You are very welcome to come to our regular services:**

Saturday            5.20pm Mass  
Sunday              8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass,  
                            6pm Evening Prayer

***Other services are held during the week – see the weekly bulletin for details.***

**Parish Contacts:**

Priest in charge:	John Hadley: (Day off Tuesday)	924 6185
Assistant Priest:	John Ware:	924 1304
Associate Priests:	Patrick Hine	962 3861
	Hilary Blancharde	962 2519
Church Wardens:	Garth Baker	962 4742
	Emma Bickford	952 5688
Director of Music:	Glyn Jenkins	330 0792
Parish Office:	Lynne Alba	951 8234

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