

Your Wedding  
St Mary the Virgin  
Fawsley



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# Your Wedding at St Mary the Virgin, Fawsley

## Who can marry in one of our parish churches?

You can marry in a Church of England church if you can show:-

### *That one of you:*

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months *or*
- was baptised in the parish concerned *or*
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish *or*
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months *or*

### *That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:*

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months *or*
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months *or*

### *That one of your parents or grandparents:*

- was married in the parish

In all cases involving church services - i.e. going to normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage - this applies only to Church of England services. Even if you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, we want to help you explore whether it may still be possible for you to marry in your special church.

There may be other considerations to be legally worked out, for example if one of you is a foreign national.

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## **Getting married at Fawsley – Practical considerations**

Our Church is a beautiful Church but it is a country Church and is set in a field which is used for sheep grazing for most of the year. During the winter the field can become muddy so we generally only accept wedding bookings (except for very small weddings) in the 7 month period from April to October when the ground becomes firmer. We can seat up to 110 if necessary

Unless you obtain a special licence Banns have to be read at services 3 times before your wedding both in our Church and the Parish Church of the Parish in which you are resident. You will need to speak to the vicar of your Parish to arrange this and obtain a certificate from him/her which you will need to bring to the wedding rehearsal.

If you are coming from out of Parish and need to attend for the 6 month qualifying period you will need to book your wedding at least 8 months in advance. This will give sufficient time for the qualifying period and the subsequent period during which the Banns are read.

Wedding fees and fixed expenses are shown on page 3. At the time of booking we ask for a £200 deposit to reserve the wedding day for you. Our Church is over 800 years old and very expensive to maintain and we hope you will be able to make a donation as well which will help us with the upkeep. Of course this is entirely voluntary on your part, but if you can afford to put by the cost of a crate of champagne towards a donation it would be very much appreciated.

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## **Getting married at Fawsley – Costs and Payments**

### **FIRST PAYMENT (BOOKING DEPOSIT)**

Deposit payable to 'P C C Fawsley' at the time of booking  
**£200**

### **SECOND & FINAL PAYMENT**

The final payment is due one month before your wedding and is payable to 'P C C Fawsley'.

It normally covers the following:

Statutory set fees for year:	£
Banns	27
Marriage Certificate	13
Marriage Service (due to Church)	226
Marriage Service (due to Diocese)	<u>189</u>
	455

#### **Additional expenses**

Church cleaning and Churchyard Maintenance	46
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If required, fees due to:

Organist	60
Bell Ringers	100

Total Due For Wedding	661
Less Deposit already paid	<u>200</u>

Final Payment	<u>461</u>
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Our Treasurer will write to you as payments become due with the latest information.

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## **Getting married at Fawsley – Arrangements to be made before and on the Day**

### **1. Music**

If Cassandra Pratt is to be the organist, please ensure that you have her agreement to your choice of hymns and music at least 4 weeks beforehand. You can speak to her in Church or email at [cvpratt41@aol.com](mailto:cvpratt41@aol.com)

### **2. Seating**

So we can plan and lay out a suitable seating arrangement for you, please ensure that your estimate of the numbers expected is provided and shown on the notice-board.

### **3. Order of Service**

Orders of Service can be as simple or as complex as you wish. We can show you some examples when you come to Church. Please agree yours with Rev. Sue and bring to the rehearsal.

### **4. Rehearsal**

A rehearsal with the priest a day or so before the ceremony is essential and should include bride, groom, best man, usher/s, bridesmaid/s, and parent/s of the bride and groom.

### **5. Florist**

Please let the Churchwarden know when your florist intends to visit the Church so we can make sure it is open for them. Also, ask your florist to take all rubbish with them when they have set up the Church. If you want to use candles please can you discuss your intended layout with the Churchwarden so that we can ensure that there is no undue fire risk.

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## **6. Parking**

**Apart from the official wedding car and those of the groom and ushers the only vehicles permitted to park in the church field are for those involved directly in the preparation and running of the service, those who have equipment to carry and those transporting a person with severe walking difficulties or in a wheelchair. In wet conditions or when the ground is very soft all those drivers should be asked by the gatekeeper to park on the right of the track close to the trees. This also applies to those attending the rehearsal. All other cars should be parked at the hotel (if the reception is there) or on the roadside. In very extreme conditions further restrictions may need to be made. Such restrictions are regrettable but necessary in order to satisfy requirements laid down by The Fawsley Estate and are not negotiable.**

## **7. Transporting your guests**

**If arrangements are made to transport your guests from the hotel to the church and back it would be preferable, particularly when the ground is soft, for them to be dropped and collected at the church gate. If the vehicles need to enter the field, they should not be taken beyond the end of the stone track and then reverse back to the road.**

## **8. Gatekeeper**

**Please arrange for a reliable person to man the roadside gate from at least 35 minutes before the start of the service until the bridal car arrives. Their job is to ensure that your guests respect the parking requirements and that the gate is kept closed when not in use.**

## **6. Confetti**

**Only bird friendly and bio degradable please and only in the churchyard and not in the field.**



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