

### Can the service include Holy Communion?

Yes, couples sometimes request a marriage service including Holy Communion and we would be pleased to arrange this. To receive Communion as the first act following marriage is an ancient Christian tradition which remains profoundly meaningful.

### How long will the service last?

Normally about 40 to 45 minutes, or with Holy Communion 50 to 60 minutes.

### What music can we have?

At Trinity, we have a very flexible approach to wedding music. Many people prefer traditional organ music and well known hymns. This is of course available. In addition to this we like to accommodate any special requests. It is common for couples to have a favourite piece of music, possibly modern. Other instruments and singers could be used for this if necessary. Please feel free to discuss any ideas you may have.

### What are the fees and when do we pay them?

The fees are usually paid at the rehearsal and are currently (2011) as follows:

Church :	£131
Minister :	£131 (Total £262)
Organist :	£40.00
Banns certificate :	£34
Marriage certificate :	Fixed by the Registrar

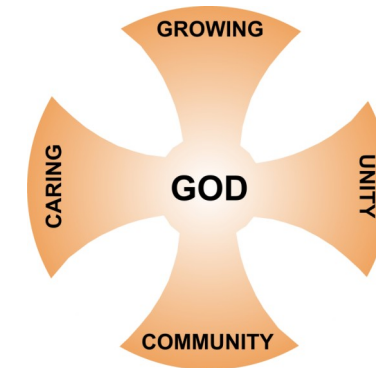
**If you would like to know more about  
Weddings at Trinity  
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# Your Wedding



## Trinity Church

### Information Leaflet



# Getting Married at Trinity Church

## Welcome to Trinity

Trinity is an Ecumenical Church: although made up of members of different denominations, we worship together as one united congregation and are part of the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Church of England.

## Can we get married at Trinity?

The answer is **yes** but denominational practices differ.

### Methodist/URC

Couples may be married using the wedding services of these two denominations following the issue of a certificate by the District Registrar of Marriages.

### Church of England

Couples may be married using the Church of England wedding service following the calling of the banns of marriage.

Couples living in the Parish may also be married in St Peter's Church, Earley.

## Can I be married at Trinity if I have been divorced?

It is possible according to Methodist/URC and Church of England practice to be married if you've been divorced. Please do come and have a chat about this.

## Can we follow a civil marriage with the service of blessing in Trinity?

Yes, all three denominations permit the Blessing of a civil marriage.

## Your wedding

Your wedding day will be one of the most important days of your life. We shall do all we can to ensure that the marriage service at Trinity is a joyful and relaxed occasion. We hope you will look back on the day with many happy memories, but above all with a deeper awareness of God's love for you both, a love He offers you right through your life together. As your wedding day draws nearer, you will wish to know what will happen at the ceremony. Naturally, for each couple, the requirements and expectations will be different, so our advice here can only be general. However, we hope to answer some of the questions which many couples ask.

## Who will be officiating at the ceremony?

One of the ministers of the Church

## Will there be a rehearsal?

Yes, we normally seek to meet the couple in Church during the week before the wedding.

## Is any preparation given?

The Church considers it very important that those entering upon Christian marriage should take the time to consider deeply the step which they are taking in entering a life-long partnership. In marrying in church you will be taking vows in the sight of God and the ceremony is performed on the understanding that those marrying will seek to conduct their married life on Christian principles and bring their children up in the Christian faith. To help with this we offer marriage preparation in one or more sessions. This also looks at a number of practical issues relating to married life.

## At what time should we arrive for the wedding?

We advise the groom and the best man to arrive at least 1/2 hour before and the bride should plan to arrive in time for photographs to be taken so that the service can begin promptly. This is to avoid interfering with any service that may follow.

## What about an 'Order of Service'?

Many couples like to have a printed Order of Service. If you wish to have a printed service sheet you should discuss it with the minister. If you have printed service sheets it is important to ensure that they are brought to the Church at least 1/2 hour before the service begins.

## Do we need ushers?

There will be a church steward present but two or more ushers are useful in order to greet guests, give out books and leaflets and guide them to their seats. We would also ask them to assist with collecting any books at the end of the service.

## Can a relative or friend take part in the ceremony?

Yes, if a relative or friend is a minister, he/she may assist with the service but you should raise the matter as soon as possible. More commonly you may like someone to read a lesson during the service and we would welcome this.

## What photography is allowed?

Still photographs may be taken before and after the ceremony outside the Church. In addition, photographs may be taken during the signing of the registers and as the couple process down the aisle at the end of the service. Photographs during the ceremony are **not** permitted as it distracts from the occasion. A video of the ceremony may be taken from a fixed vantage point after discussion with the minister. Extra lighting may not be used as this can be a distraction.

**NB.** It is your responsibility to obtain a Copyright Licence before a video can be taken.

## Can we use confetti?

Yes, but **outside** the building, please.