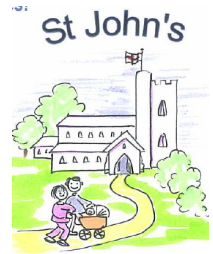


PLANNING YOUR WEDDING



St John the Baptist, Isleworth

Revised September 2008



CHOICE OF CHURCH MADE EASIER

The old rules change in October 2008 to make it easier for a couple to choose a church in which to be married. The bride and/or groom still have to be connected to the church but this can be any of six qualifications

1. Either of the couple lives in the chosen parish
2. Either was baptised in the chosen church
3. Either has lived in that parish for at least six months in their life
4. Either has attended public worship in the chosen church for six months
5. Either has parents who live(d) in the chosen parish for at least six months of the marrying couple's life
6. Either parents or grandparents were married in the chosen church

WHAT DOES ST JOHN'S OFFER

St Johns has a large bright interior which seats over 120 in the main aisle, another 40 in the back pews and another 60 with a good view in the side aisles. There are good vantage points for 3 fixed video cameras, two at the front with a full view of the whole ceremony and one at the back with good views of the whole church and the entrance and exit processions. The area at the front is large enough for any size of train and gives everyone a good view of the signing of the Registers with plenty of space for photographers both professional and amateur.

We have an organist but no choir and an excellent sound system including a CD player, but only one bell. The heating is by gas heaters which hang from the roof and direct heat towards the people in the pews; you need it from October to May.

Our lawn in front of the main door has space for large group photographs, if raining the area used for the ceremony can be converted in seconds for the same photographs.



READERS & FLOWERS & VERGER

Your chosen readers will be seen and heard perfectly from our lectern which is a traditional eagle cast in brass and is a beautiful setting for a floral display.

The carved stone pulpit is also regularly used as a setting for large floral displays which form a particularly stunning backdrop to the newly-weds signing the registers.

You can arrange for your own florist or friends to decorate the church for the big day and St Johns also has experienced and talented people who are available to create a pedestal floral display for you.



There is also a verger to guide your ushers, readers, photographers and guests to ensure that everything runs smoothly in the church before, during and after the ceremony.

WHY NOT VISIT US ON A SUNDAY

The church is locked when not in use for services, so the best time to see it is on a Sunday. Why not come to our main service at 10am? St John's is a very inclusive church where everyone is welcome without any pressures, nobody will ask you questions or give you forms or leaflets. This will enable you to have a better view of the inside, hear the organ and ask any questions.



This is photo of our Vicar's retirement in June 2008. St John's will have a series of assisting or temporary priests until a new Vicar is selected and appointed, which may take a long time, so all enquiries about weddings need to be made to either of the Churchwardens.

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THESE ARE THE FEES FOR A WEDDING AT ST JOHN'S

Wedding Fees £311 (Summer: May - September)
 £341 (Winter: October - April)

This includes The Banns (£22), Certificates (£12), Ceremony (£247), verges (£30), and heating (£30) in winter months. You will be expected to pay a non-returnable deposit of £50 towards these fees at the time of booking your wedding.

Extra Fees Organist £65
 Bell Ringer £30
Essential Video Licence £25 if you make a video in church

If you have professional crew who will make several copies then they must also obtain a licence from www.wvrl.co.uk

The balance of £261 (summer) or /£291 (winter) plus fees for your choice of Organist, Ringer, and Video should be paid by cheque no later than two weeks before the wedding.

If you would like a member of St John's to make a floral display for you to in front of the pulpit and as a backdrop to signing the registers, the fee is £50. You may make your own, of course, and/or commission a florist.



PRINTING SERVICE SHEETS

If you choose hymns which are not in one of our hymn books, you should also plan to have service sheets printed. Ask local printers or WH Smith for a quote. You may already have decided to print service sheets anyway, but before you deliver anything to the printer, please check with the churchwardens and/or the priest who will also give you the text of parts of the ceremony which you should also include. Most printers will have ready-made plates for these.

CONFETTI & BUBBLES

Biodegradable confetti is fine on our front lawn. But why not try bubbles, they look great in close-up photographs, have a look at www.weddingservices4u.co.uk/bubblespage or similar websites.

WHEN TO BOOK THE CHURCH

It is wise to start booking things as soon as possible. There is no such thing as too early when planning a wedding. As soon as you have chosen a date, contact one of the Churchwardens to check that the church and a priest are both available. Then an appointment will be arranged for legal forms to be completed to ensure that you are eligible to be married at St John's. Nothing can be confirmed until that appointment which is when you will be expected to pay the £50 deposit and you will also be guided through everything else which need to be done.

Good luck with all your plans and preparations. If you have any questions, please contact one of the churchwardens who will be pleased to help you make the most of your special day.

More general wedding information is at <http://www.london.anglican.org/Marriages>