

Other Arrangements for the Service in All Saints Ockham

Banns

Banns are an announcement in church of your intention to marry and a chance for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place. Banns need to be read in the parish where each of you lives as well as the parish church in which you are to be married, if that is somewhere else. You must have your banns read out in church for three Sundays during the three months before the wedding. This is often done over three consecutive Sundays but does not have to be. *Please find out from the person officiating when your banns are being read and try to be present on the day.*

Music

You should discuss the choice of hymns and music for the processions in and out of church with the Organist, Mrs Sheila Mellstrom (01483 282551). She is present at most 10 30am services on Sundays and a convenient time to speak to her is often immediately after these services. However, please telephone her to check that she will be available on the date you have in mind. Please consult with the vicar if you wish to make your own arrangements for music.

Flowers

We suggest you contact Mrs Sally Pound (01932 400189) for advice on flowers in church. Should you decide to make your own arrangements we respectfully request that you arrange to leave the flowers in church after the ceremony as our own flower arrangers will have no opportunity to decorate the church as they normally do in time for Sunday worship after your wedding ceremony.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal normally happens in the week before the wedding, although we try to accommodate our wedding couples as far as possible. Please contact the priest officiating at your wedding to agree a date and time for the rehearsal. As a general rule of thumb allow 45 min for a rehearsal and the fewer people there the better; usually it would be the bride and groom, bride's father, best man and the principal bridesmaid.

Order of Service and Copyright license

If you are having an Order of Service printed please show the clergy a draft copy first. If left to printers they have an unfortunate habit of putting things in the wrong order.

If you intend to print the words of hymns, those over 50 years old are free of copyright but more modern ones are often still in copyright. The Church has a licence to print such material for 'one off' services, please print after the hymn "CCL 29224"

On the Day

You are advised to have at least two Ushers to show people to their seats. They should be in the church at least 30 minutes before the Service is due to start.

We suggest you do not have very young children as bridesmaids/pages.

We want your day to be special but we do need to impose a few simple rules.:

1) Confetti (irrespective of which kind) - must not be thrown in the Church or church grounds, if you have ever tried to get confetti out of a gravel path you will know why!

2) No video recording is allowed during the Church Service – this is a policy across the parish. Photographers are invited to check with the clergy for guidelines on what is permissible in church well in advance of the ceremony.

Your congregation will be reminded of the above before the service starts along with a request that mobile phones be switched off.